

Collapse kills 5

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Indiana officials on Sunday began investigating the collapse of lights and rigging at a concert stage at the state fair Saturday night that killed five and injured more than four dozen.



Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels and first lady Cheri Daniels, right, comfort Cindy Hoyer, Executive Director Indiana State Fair Commission, following a news conference at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011. Five people were killed when a blast of wind toppled a stage and its rigging before a Sugarland concert at the Indiana State Fair.

(AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

The rigging, brought down by a strong gust of wind, fell about 9 p.m. Saturday, minutes before the country duo Sugarland was set to take the stage.

Videos posted online shortly after the accident show plumes of gravel and sand lashing through a nearly pitch-black sky, moments before the rigging slumps and topples onto a screaming crowd in front of the stage.

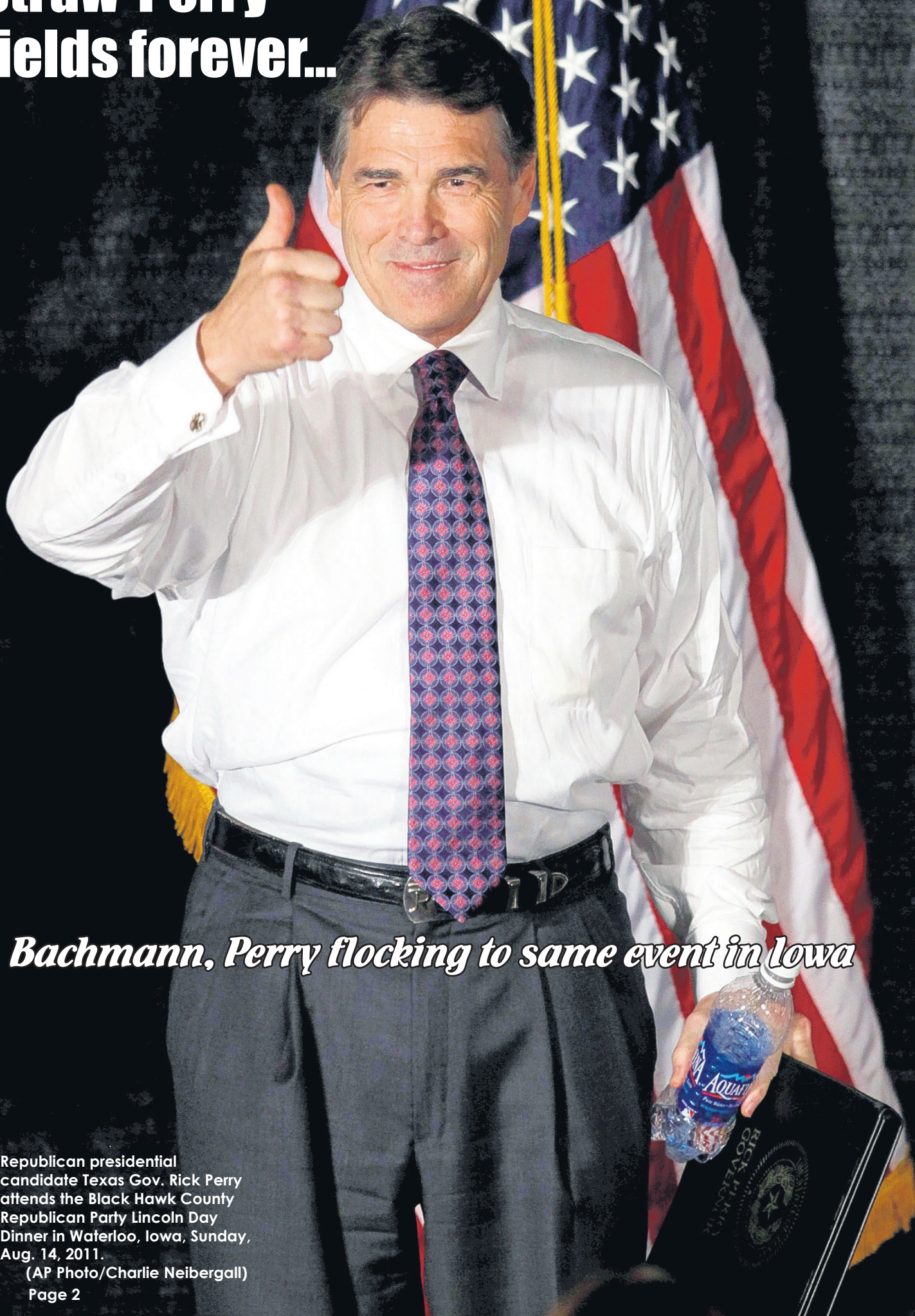
At a news conference on Sunday morning, Indiana State Police First Sgt.

David Bursten confirmed that four people had died at the scene and a fifth overnight at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

More of the injured could die, he said, asking for people to pray for the victims.

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Bachmann, Perry flocking to same event in Iowa

Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. Rick Perry attends the Black Hawk County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner in Waterloo, Iowa, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann and Texas Gov. Rick Perry compete for the hearts and minds of conservative Iowa voters at the same event Sunday in what might be a preview of the months ahead in the Republican race to find a challenger to President Barack Obama. Perry announced his candidacy Saturday in South Carolina, just hours before Bachmann won the Iowa Straw Poll, a key early test of candidates' level of support in the Midwestern state whose February caucuses kick off the presidential nomination season. Perry and Bachmann were competing for attention Sunday as their campaign schedules put them at the same county Republican Party event in Waterloo, Iowa. Both have enjoyed strong support from evan-

gelical Christians and supporters of the small government, low tax tea party movement, and are now making big plays for those

sachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Perry was making his first campaign visit to Iowa since announcing his candidacy Saturday in Charles-

The chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Perry is an establishment candidate who could be an attractive candidate for economic conservatives in this lead-off caucus state who are looking for a candidate to rally around. As the longest-serving governor of the second-largest U.S. state, he has the executive experience that Bachmann, a three-term Minnesota congresswoman, lacks. Perry can go head-to-head with Romney on the issue of job creation, a key issue in the upcoming campaign.

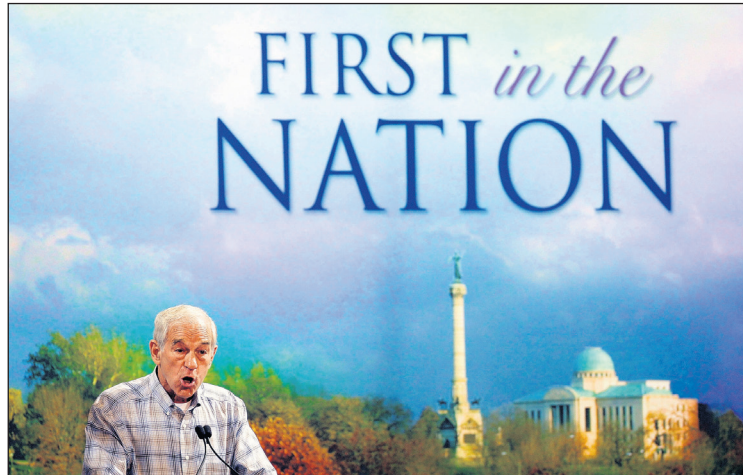
Through three terms as Texas governor, Perry has overseen significant job growth in his state while working to keep taxes low. Romney has touted his extensive background as a businessman to persuade voters he can turn the economy around.

But enthusiasm for Romney, and his strong economic

message has been muted. As Massachusetts governor, Romney supported gay and abortion rights and implemented a health care reform plan that Obama used as a model for legislation that Republicans loathe.

Evangelicals also look askance at Romney's Mormon faith. Perry has spent the past few weeks assembling a national finance team supporters say could rival Obama's. The president is on track to match or exceed the record-breaking \$750 million he raised in 2008.

Bachmann, who has risen in Iowa polls since entering the race this summer, was reveling in her first-place finish in the test vote Saturday on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames that proved her campaign has the organizational skills and volunteer network needed to compete strongly in the state's caucuses. □



Republican Presidential Candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, speaks during the Iowa Republican Party's Straw Poll, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, in Ames, Iowa.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

two important constituencies in Iowa.

They are battling to emerge as the top alternative from the party's most conservative wing to the perceived front-runner, former Mas-

ton, South Carolina, in a speech that emphasized his economic credentials and Texas' job growth, as well as his conservative stances on social issues and his faith.



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T.S. Gert grows in the Atlantic

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) —

People in Bermuda installed storm shutters and hauled their boats onto beaches in preparation for Tropical Storm Gert, which slowly strengthened Sunday over the Atlantic as it approached the wealthy British archipelago.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for Bermuda, though the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Gert's center was still about 255 miles (410 kilometers) south-southeast from the isolated island chain which lies about 580 miles (933 kilometers) east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

Gert, the seventh tropical storm of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, was moving north-northwest at 8 mph (13 kph) and had maximum sustained winds of 44 mph (75 kph). The storm, which formed Sunday afternoon, could get stronger as it makes its way toward Bermuda. U.S. forecasters said Gert's center was expected to pass near or just east of Bermuda by Monday afternoon. It is projected to remain well away from the U.S. East Coast.

"We're gearing up for a windy night and perhaps some showers, but we should fare pretty well up here," said Jeff Torgerson, a meteorologist with the Bermuda Weather Service. Most people in Bermuda, where basic storm preparations are a familiar routine, were taking it in stride.

"Right now it's a baby. We're paying attention to it, but people here don't get worked up about storms this size," said Francis Mahoney of Bermuda Yacht Services, a provider of emergency marine services. □

White House debates fight over economy

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WASHINGTON — As the economy worsens, President Barack Obama and his senior aides are considering whether to adopt a more combative approach on economic

agreements and improved patent protections for inventors.

But others, including Gene Sperling, Obama's chief economic adviser, say public anger over the debt ceiling debate has weakened Republicans and created an opening

E. Schumer of New York, the No. 3 Democrat in the Senate. "But on this issue, when he knows what the right thing to do is, and when a rather small group on one side is blocking any progress, you have to be willing to call that group out if you want to get anything done."

Dan Pfeiffer, the White House director of communications, said that there was no internal debate. "The president's first priority is to work with Republicans and Democrats to grow the economy, create jobs and reduce the deficit, but if the Republican House continues its 'my way or the highway' approach, he will make sure the public knows who is standing in the way and why."

The debate is being framed by the 2012 election. Administration officials, frustrated by the intransigence of House Republicans, have increasingly concluded that the best thing Obama can do for the economy may be winning a second term, with a mandate to advance his ideas on deficit reduction, entitlement changes, housing policy and other issues.

Obama plans to spend time this weekend considering his options, advisers said. The White House expects to unveil new job-creation proposals in early September.

The ailing economy, barely growing at the same pace as the population, has swept all other political issues to the sidelines. □



President Barack Obama boards Air Force One on a flight to Michigan, in Washington. Obama and his senior aides are considering whether the White House should adopt a more combative approach on economic issues, seeking to highlight substantive differences with Republicans in Congress and on the campaign trail rather than continuing to pursue elusive compromises, advisers to the president say.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

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Obama's senior adviser, David Plouffe, and his chief of staff, William M. Daley, want him to maintain a pragmatic strategy of appealing to independent voters by advocating ideas that can pass Congress, even if they may not have much economic impact. These include free trade

for bigger ideas like tax incentives for businesses that hire more workers, according to congressional Democrats who share that view. Democrats are also pushing the White House to help homeowners facing foreclosure.

Even if the ideas cannot pass Congress, they say, the president would gain a campaign issue by pushing for them.

"The president's team puts a premium on being above the partisan fray, which is usually the right strategy," said Sen. Charles

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Once a fringe candidate, Paul shaping 2012 race

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

Ron Paul, once seen as a fringe candidate and a nuisance to the establishment, is shaping the 2012 Republican primary by giving voice to the party's libertarian wing and reflecting frustration with the United States' international entanglements.

The Texas congressman placed second in a key early test vote Saturday in Ames, Iowa, coming within 152 votes of winning the first significant balloting of the Republican nominating contest. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota won the nonbinding Iowa Straw Poll, but Paul's organizational strength and a retooled focus on social issues set him up to be a serious player in the campaign.

"I believe in a very limited role for government. But the prime reason that government exists in a free society is to protect liberty, but also to protect life. And I mean all life," he told a raucous crowd on Saturday.

"You cannot have relative value for life and deal with that. We cannot play God and make those decisions. All life is precious," he said, opening his remarks with an anti-abortion appeal

to the social conservatives who have great sway here in Iowa's leadoff caucuses. Later Saturday, Paul won 4,671 votes, or roughly 28 percent of the votes from party activists who flocked to a college campus in the Midwestern state for the daylong political carnival. Paul's narrow second-

place finish pushed former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty down to third, leading Pawlenty on Sunday to abandon his effort to challenge President Barack Obama next November. Four years ago, Paul sought the Republican nomination while talking about economic policy, liberty and

and organization. His base helped him win straw polls at June's Republican Leadership Conference in New Orleans and February's Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, and his followers organize online to ensure strong finishes at any contest they can find. It is part of their effort to get rid of the notion that Paul is a fringe candidate.

Paul's 2008 campaign came up far short of better organized rivals. This time, his advisers are putting together a more serious effort that taps into voters' frustrations with Washington and the fears about the economy. His aides are working within the system instead of against it. For instance, Paul's base camp for the Iowa straw poll was at the same location Romney used in 2007. Romney won that straw poll after investing heavily from his deep pockets for the prime real estate.

Paul's campaign notes that it won more votes this year than Romney won four years ago during his first bid for the Republican nomination. This year, Romney didn't actively campaign during the straw poll; instead, he is looking at a campaign launch in New Hampshire, the northeastern state which hosts the first primary after Iowa's leadoff caucuses.

Paul typically does well in such straw polls, which rely on supporters' intensity



A voter who voted for Republican presidential candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, shows his finger marked with indelible ink as he picks up a free shirt at the Republican Party's Straw Poll in Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

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Four years ago, Paul sought the Republican nomination while talking about economic policy, liberty and

day during a Fox News Channel debate. He may lack the broad appeal that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney or Texas Gov. Rick Perry are claiming, but Paul's finish Saturday indicated he could compete.

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Ohioan, 94, wakes up to blimp in yard

KANTELE FRANKO

Associated Press

WORTHINGTON, Ohio (AP) —

A 94-year-old Ohio woman who woke up to discover that a break-away blimp from a nearby airport had landed in her backyard said she heard a bang during stormy weather but didn't realize what had happened until police knocked on her door about seven hours later.

The 128-foot (39-meter)-long blimp broke free of its moorings at a Columbus airport during strong winds early Sunday, then drifted to the sky, headed eastward and landed in Lillian Bernhagen's backyard in Worthington, less than two miles (three kilometers) from Ohio State University's Don Scott airfield. No one was aboard and no injuries were reported.

The remnants of a battered blimp were draped over Bernhagen's picnic table and birdfeeders, covering half her backyard.

"I looked out the window and I said, 'Wow!'" she said.

Storms had limited the options authorities had to find the blimp until it was spotted in Bernhagen's yard. The Federal Aviation Administration tried to locate it via radar, while its owners tried to see it from the ground, said state police spokesman Lt. Rudy Zupanc.

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5 dead as stage collapses at Indiana state fair

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Growing tearful at times, Gov. Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. of Indiana praised the hundreds of people who remained at the accident site pulling trapped concertgoers from under the collapsed rigging. They "ran to the trouble, not from the trouble," the governor said, before seeming to become overcome with emotion. "That's the character that we associate with our state," Daniels said his wife, Cheri, who is a spokeswoman for the fair, and a daughter had been at the concert, which featured Sugarland. The musicians were not injured. The governor characterized the episode as a "freakish" accident. Stacia Floyd, 22, who watched the collapse happen at 8:49 from the grandstands with her boyfriend and 4-year-old daughter, described it as "the worst thing I've ever seen," she said. "There were people that were bawling, everyone was really scared, shaken up." Stagehands operating lights and equipment high above the stage plummeted into the crowd along with the rigging, according to concertgoers. Witnesses said that concertgoers, who initially fled as the rigging collapsed, rushed back moments later to help those caught in the debris as the thunderstorm rolled in. As emergency crews hurried to carry victim after victim out on stretchers, returning audience members and others lifted the giant metal scaffolding off people pinned

beneath it, according to photos and video provided by Reuters. Around 10:30,

executive director, adding that according to weather reports, a highly local-

the accident occurred. But Floyd said few people left. "It could have been pre-

knew the weather was coming; they should have evacuated it fast." On social media sites on Sunday, musicians like Keith Urban, Leann Rimes and others expressed shock and sympathy. "We send our prayers and thoughts to each and everyone of you who were there and your families and loved ones as well," Urban wrote on Twitter. "God bless you all." The Indiana State Fair, which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 21, draws thousands of visitors and is a top source of summer income for many businesses. It will close for one day, Hoyer said, and reopen on Monday at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. there will be a service on the fairgrounds to remember the dead, she said. No decision has been made as to whether concerts this week by Maroon 5 and Train, scheduled to take place on the same stage, will be canceled, according to Andy Klotz, a fair spokesman. □



Fans waiting to see Sugarland attempt to hold up the stage after high winds blew the stage over at the Indiana State Fair Grandstands, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, in Indianapolis. About a dozen people are reported to have injuries after the stage collapsed.

(AP Photo/ Matt Kryger)

police dogs were brought in, to search for any remaining people trapped. Most of the victims had seats in the VIP section, according to WTHR.com, a local NBC affiliate. The police identified those killed as Tammy Vandam, 42, of Wanatah, Ind.; Glenn Goodrich, 49, of Indianapolis; Alina Bigjohny, 23, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Christina Santiago, 29, of Chicago. The fifth victim, Nathan Byrd, 51, who died at Methodist Hospital, was a stagehand from Indianapolis. Both the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the state fire marshal's office are to begin an investigation into what caused the collapse, said Cindy Hoyer, the fair's

ized windstorm with gusts of up to 60 miles an hour blasted the concert site just before it happened. The rigging was supplied by an outside contractor and built by local workers, Hoyer said. Whether the fair acted swiftly enough or appropriately to a severe thunderstorm watch issued before the collapse was still in question on Sunday. Moments before the crash, the audience heard an announcement that the concert might be postponed, and they should head indoors and return after the storm had passed, Floyd, the witness to the collapse, said. Bursten said that some people had begun to move from the site toward other shelters when

vented if the place had been evacuated properly," Floyd said. "They

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A long, cold summer at Mount Rainier

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MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash.

— The calendar says summer, but the conditions are more like winter.

Usually by August, most of the snow on Mount Rainier, the sleeping volcanic giant here, has long since melted. The meadows of wildflowers are abloom, and hikers galore are tramping along the trails.

But this year, temperatures have been colder than usual, keeping record mounds of old snow lying around. This has discouraged everyone, from the most rigorous climbers to backpackers, hikers and Sunday drivers.

Total visitors to Mount Rainier National Park from January through July were down more than 30 percent, to 601,877, compared with the same period last year, when 868,681 people came. “We’ve had terrible weather all year,” said Debbie Hannevig, the park’s fee operations manager.

The colder temperatures have wreaked havoc with Mother Nature’s schedule here and throughout the West and the Northwest, altering people’s expectations of what they could and could not do this summer. In some areas, visitors were skiing in their bathing suits on the Fourth of July. In other cases, the unseasonable weather may have contributed to various accidents and deaths.

Here, at one of the jewels in the crown of the national park system, hikers have met closed roads and trails too dangerous to try. Rangers are advising hikers to use

ice axes and crampons, equipment they normally do not need.

“There has never been this amount of snow, and it stopped us from doing things we would usually



Sunrise over Camp Muir at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., Aug. 7, 2011. Temperatures have been colder than usual, keeping record mounds of old snow lying around and discouraging everyone, from the most rigorous climbers to backpackers, hikers and Sunday drivers.

(M. Williams/The New York Times)

do,” Carol Larkin, 66, of Richland said the other day as she and her husband, Dave, 67, changed out of their hiking boots at a rest stop beneath towering Douglas firs near the mountain’s base.

They have hiked here every year since 1990 and wanted to keep up their ritual, even if it was curtailed. They said they encountered some people along the trail who turned back after seeing the snow and others who were unprepared but nonetheless forged ahead.

“I was amazed at some of the people we saw on the trail,” Larkin said. “They didn’t have poles. One person was in flip-flops.”

People can be caught off guard here because the

weather on this glacier-capped mountain, which sits just 100 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, is so changeable. The location, the park service says, means that Rainier “makes

is poor and you can’t see the mountain, you don’t come,” Hannevig said.

The amount of snow still on the ground, as measured at Paradise, the park’s main visitor area, is setting records. Last Sunday, it set a record of 44 inches, said Stefan Lofgren, the park’s mountaineering district ranger. The previous record for Aug. 7 was 40 inches, set in 1974.

Another record was set Tuesday, when 43 inches remained on the ground. Lofgren said he expected records for another couple of weeks. At this elevation (5,400 feet), Paradise normally gets about 630 inches of snow a year, but this year it received a whopping 907 inches.

This is not the most snow ever for what rangers call

mer, which brought some of the coldest months on record in more than 100 years, preventing the snow from melting.

“It will probably be the third week of August until sub-alpine meadows in Washington State will be free of snow,” Lofgren said.

For mountain climbers, the persistent snow has extended the climbing season, often creating firm-enough bridges over weak spots that might otherwise collapse into deep crevasses and swallow up even an experienced climber.

Moore Phillips, 24, a student who lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., was preparing to climb Rainier’s summit the other day via Liberty Ridge, one of the mountain’s most exposed and challenging routes.

When the snow is gone, he said, “the rock fall is like a bowling alley,” and that, combined with weak bridges, normally makes this climb too perilous so late in the season. “If there wasn’t this snow,” he said, “we couldn’t do Liberty.”

Liberty Ridge is where an experienced climber, Rob Plankers, 50, of Olympia, apparently slid to his death in June. Despite having proper gear, he got hypothermia and frostbite, park spokesmen said, and others in his party left him to seek help. Plankers then apparently slid to his death 2,000 feet down a steep and icy slope. Foul weather and ferocious winds hampered recovery efforts.

Rob Reuter, 49, an environmental engineer in Seattle, climbed to the summit last weekend with friends. □



A guide for Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. prepares a rope for a trip at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., Aug. 6, 2011. Temperatures have been colder than usual, keeping record mounds of old snow lying around and discouraging everyone, from the most rigorous climbers to backpackers, hikers and Sunday drivers.

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its own weather.” It also acts as its own billboard advertisement, because it is so big and can be seen from so far away. “If the weather

“one of the snowiest places on Earth,” but it is close. The difference this year was the extended low temperatures in the spring and sum-

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Paster, Clinton aide who helped pass NAFTA, dies at 66

DOUGLAS MARTIN

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Howard G. Paster, a consummate Washington insider whose effectiveness as a corporate lobbyist took him to the White House as President Bill Clinton's liaison to Congress, where he helped push through the North American Free Trade Agreement, died Wednesday in Baltimore.

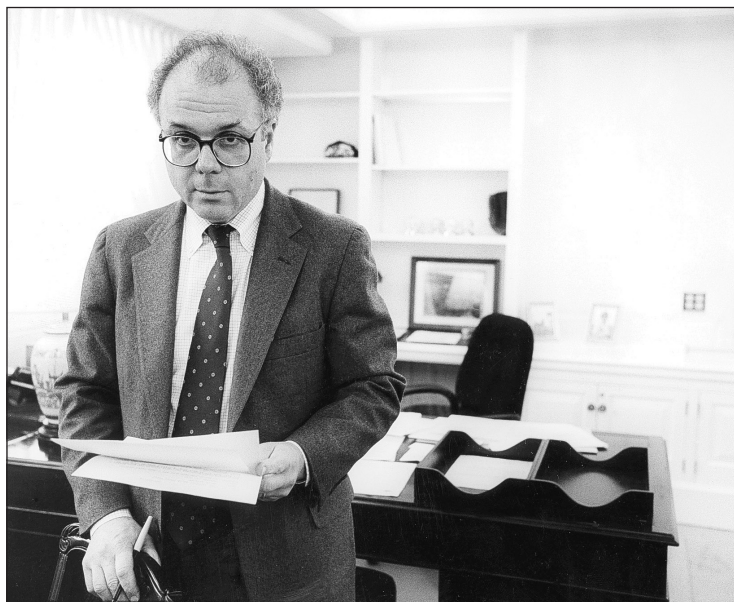
He was 66 and lived in Washington. Paster's death, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, was caused by encephalitis, his wife, Gail, said. As Clinton's principal ambassador to Congress at the time, Paster had to overcome the opposition of a majority of House Democrats to pass NAFTA, relying heavily on Republican support instead.

The agreement, which was phased in beginning in 1994, removed most tariff and nontariff barriers between the U.S., Canada and Mexico to create one of the world's largest trading blocs.

Together, the three nations produce \$17 trillion in goods and services every year.

Facing predictions of failure, Paster and his team of 20 aides won a come-from-behind victory, in part by promising deals for farmers and offering job-training programs to bolster American workers.

"The horse trading is nothing but people defending their constituent interests, and that's an entirely appropriate thing for them to do," he said.



Howard Paster in his White House office in 1993. Paster, a consummate Washington insider whose effectiveness as a corporate lobbyist took him to the White House as President Bill Clinton's liaison to Congress, where he helped push through the North American Free Trade Agreement, died on Aug. 10 in Baltimore. He was 66 and lived in Washington.

(Paul Hosefros/The New York Times)

Paster, whose style could be brusque and whose rhyming nickname was Faster Paster, was less persuasive in selling Clinton's package of measures to stimulate a faltering economy through public works, education grants and the extension of unemployment benefits.

"It's fair to say that the fact the stimulus bill did not pass is my responsibility," Paster told The New York Times in May 1993. "I miscalculated over what it would take to

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negotiate a bill."

In December 1993, less than a year into the Clinton administration, Paster resigned to become the chairman and chief executive of the public relations firm Hill & Knowlton.

In an interview with NPR, he said he lacked the stamina to continue. He was "not Superman," he said.

In a statement after Paster's death, Clinton said Paster had made a "tremendous difference" in carrying out his administration's "crucial initiatives."

Howard George Paster was born Dec. 23, 1944, in Brooklyn and grew up in Nassau County, on Long Island. His father was an automobile dealer and his mother a fervent volunteer

for the Democratic Party. He graduated from Alfred University in western New York, where he edited the campus newspaper, then earned a degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Early in his career, he worked on the staffs of Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., and Rep. Lester Wolff, D-N.Y.

He became the chief Washington lobbyist for the United Automobile Workers in the late 1970s and played a leading role in negotiating the loan bailout of the Chrysler Corp. His performance impressed the negotiators on the other side of the table, lobbyists from Timmons & Co. Timmons hired him away at the end of the talks. □



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CHARIKAR, Afghanistan —

The governor of Parwan province, Abdul Basir Salangi, convened a meeting Sunday morning with his top aides to find out why security had not been improved around his offices, 10 days after reports that a group of suicide bombers was planning an attack.

A former jihadi commander from the war against the Soviets, Salangi is an imposing figure, and his anger was evident as he dressed down the aides, including the provincial police chief. The intelligence was very specific, he



Afghan National Army soldiers look over the wreckage of a car following a suicide attack Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, on the governor's compound in Chaharikar in the central province of Parwan, Afghanistan. Twenty people were killed, Afghan officials said.

(Kuni Takahashi/The New York Times)

troops that had been part of last year's surge.

Parwan and nearby provinces have had relatively scant U.S. troop presence, because, until recently, insurgent activity was slight. But military commanders are thought to be reluctant to withdraw troops from more active battlefields like Kandahar and Helmand provinces in the south, for fear of losing some of the gains made there, so quieter areas may see big troop reductions, with the risk that the insurgents will take advantage of that, some analysts worry.

In addition, Parwan is among the possible candidates for the second stage of the transition from NATO to Afghan control, scheduled for next month.

"This will have no effect on transition," the governor insisted.

"All these suicide attacks show the weakness of the Taliban because they cannot fight with us; this is the only way they have. Parwan is still considered a peaceful province."

Sunday's attack involved six suicide bombers, the first in a vehicle — a Toyota Corolla, as Salangi had predicted — that exploded outside the gates of the governor's compound. Then, according to the account from the governor and from local police officials, one of the attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the police post in front of the gates, and the five surviving attackers stormed into the compound.

They used automatic weapons, grenade launchers and rockets to press their attack, setting off their explosive-filled vests when

unable to fight further. Witnesses said the attackers managed to reach the governor's office in the second building they came to, killing most of their victims there. However, the governor was holding his meeting in a third building, because it had the only room large enough, and they never reached that one.

"The enemy wanted to kill the governor who is the head of jihad and resistance, here in Parwan, which is the center of jihad and resistance, and we fought them off," Salangi said, referring to himself, and his role fighting Soviets and later the Taliban regime. It was at least the third assassination attempt on Salangi by the insurgents.

The Parwan deputy police chief, Zia-u-Rahman Sayedkhili, was in the second building when the blast knocked him down, but he survived the attackers because tables had been blown on top of him, protecting him, he said.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Interior, Seddiq Seddiqi, put the number killed at 22, with at least 34 wounded, 10 of them police officers. The attack was particularly brazen. Directly opposite the governor's office is the local Afghan National Army headquarters, and the police headquarters are only about 400 yards away.

A Taliban spokesman, reached by telephone at an undisclosed location, claimed responsibility for the attack and asserted that the victims included American soldiers. Officials at the scene denied there were any non-Afghan victims. □

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told his aides: The bombers might arrive in a Toyota Corolla.

Just then, as he later recalled the moment, there were two explosions as a group of six suicide bombers blew their way into the governor's compound. In the three-hour firefight that followed, the attackers killed 22 people, including 6 police officers, and the rest a mixture of government staff and civilian visitors, before they were subdued.

Afterward, Salangi, who was unhurt, said, with evident asperity, "I believe the security forces in Parwan fell short in preventing this thing."

The episode in Parwan province, in central Afghanistan 35 miles north of the capital, was the latest in a series of insurgent attacks in what had been the quiet provinces neighboring the capital.

It comes as U.S. military officials are weighing where to withdraw the first of 10,000

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Internal strife threatens cause of Libyan rebels

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Saddled with infighting and undermined by the occasionally ruthless and undisciplined behavior of its fighters, the six-month-old rebel uprising against Moammar Gadhafi is showing signs of sliding from a struggle to overthrow an autocrat into a murkier contest between factions and tribes.

The increase in discord and factionalism is undermining the effort to overthrow Gadhafi, and it comes immediately after recognition of the rebel government by the Western powers, including the U.S., potentially giving the rebels access to billions of dollars in frozen Libyan assets and the chance to purchase more modern weaponry. The infighting could also erode support for the rebels among members of the NATO alliance, which faces

a September deadline for renewing its air campaign amid growing unease about the war's costs and direction. That air support has been a factor in every significant rebel military goal, including fighting Saturday in which rebel forces were challenging pro-Gadhafi forces in or near three critical towns: Brega, an oil port in the east; Zawiya, on the outskirts of Tripoli; and Gharyan, an important gateway to southern Libya. There were also clashes a few miles from the main border crossing into neighboring Tunisia, residents told Reuters. While the rebels have sought to maintain a clean image and to portray themselves as fighting to establish a secular democracy, several recent acts of revenge have cast their ranks in a less favorable light. They have also raised the possibility that any rebel victory over Gadhafi could disintegrate into the sort

of tribal tensions that have plagued Libya for centuries. In recent weeks, rebel fighters in Libya's western mountains and around the coastal city of Misrata have

vilian neighborhood. In the rebels' provisional capital, Benghazi, renegade fighters assassinated their top military commander, Gen. Abdel Fattah Younes, ap-

ful tribe threatened to retaliate against those responsible, setting off a crisis in the rebels' governing council, whose members were dismissed en masse last week. The rebels' Western backers have become alarmed at the growing rift between supporters of a group of rebels who have coalesced into a relatively unified army and the others who effectively remain a civilian band of militia fighters.

In the short term, the retaliation can serve to fortify Gadhafi's power by reinforcing the fear that a rebel victory would bring reprisals against the many who participated in the colonel's political machine and enjoyed his patronage. More broadly, the moral clarity of six months ago, when Gadhafi's forces were bearing down on Benghazi and he was threatening to wipe out anyone who dared oppose him there, has been muddled. □



A home that was set on fire by rebels during a tribal dispute after they seized the town of Yafran from forces loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi, in Libya. An increase in discord and factionalism among rebels could threaten the effort to overthrow Gadhafi and put Libyan civilians at risk.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

lashed out at civilians because their tribes supported Gadhafi, looting mountain villages and emptying a ci-

parently in revenge for his previous role as Gadhafi's security chief. In response, the chief of Younes' power-

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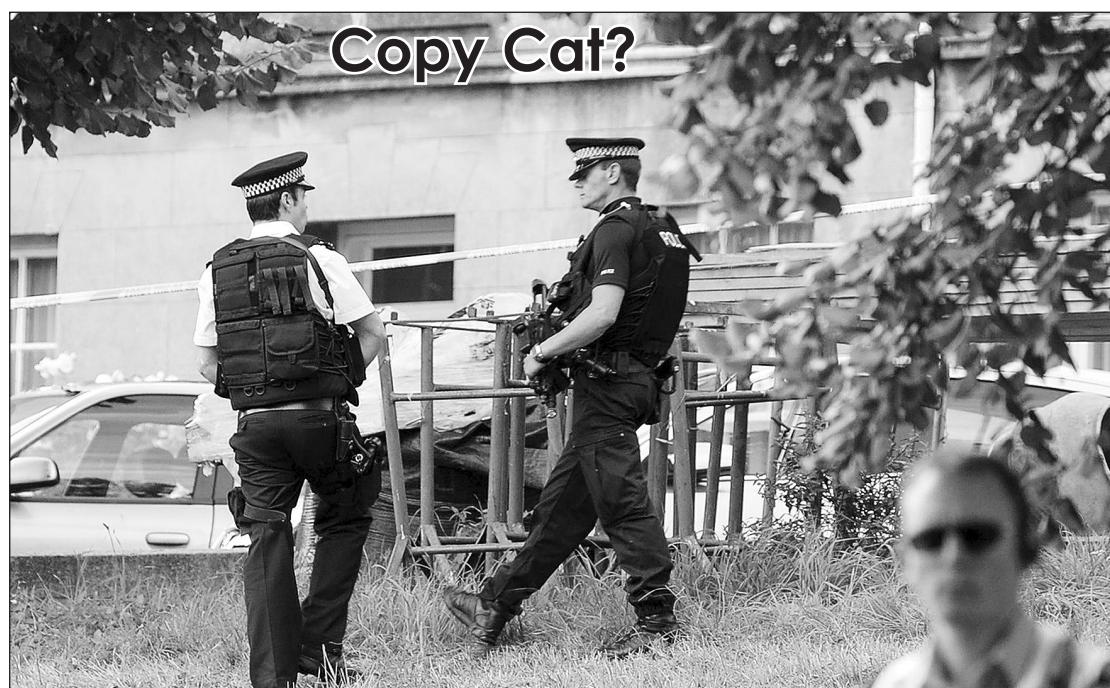


6 dead, 1 arrested in knife attack on British isle

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of stabbing six people to death, including three children, on the British island of Jersey in what was the deadliest crime in the community's living memory, police said. Neighbors said the victims were members of the same family. The dead, all Jersey residents, were a man, two women and three children, police said. Some were stabbed inside their home, others outside the property, which is located on a relatively secluded side street.



Copy Cat?

British armed police attend the scene after six people were killed in a knife attack, Sunday Aug. 14, 2011, in St Helier, Jersey, England. A man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of fatally stabbing six people.

(AP Photo / Ian Le Sueur, PA)

The 30-year-old suspect, who was not identified, also sustained unspecified injuries that were not life-threatening. Police said they were questioning him at his hospital bed. Neighbors said they thought at least some of the victims were Polish. One witness, Andre Thorpe, said he saw police running around the property trying to gain access, then paramedics carrying a bloodied child from the scene. Police Det. Superintendent Stewart Gull, who is leading the investigation, said his officers had yet to establish the victims' ages and the circumstances of the attack. He said the crime had shocked everyone. "It goes without saying that when you are dealing with multiple deaths, of men and women and, in particular young children, you would

be inhuman not to be shaken yourself," he said. Violent crime is unusual and murder rare on Jersey, a British island dependency 14 miles (22 kilometers) west of France's Normandy peninsula. The largest of Britain's Channel Islands has a police force of 236 officers to protect about 92,500 residents, many of them tax exiles. "Jersey is an incredibly safe island, probably one of the safest places in the Western world," Gull said. Several police and Jersey media officials said they couldn't recall the last murder on the island. An Associated Press search found it occurred in March 2004, when a 19-year-old man originally from Northern Ireland tried to rape, then kicked to death, a 35-year-old nurse outside her home. □

Breivik reconstructs shootings on island



The Norwegian newspaper VG's front page published Sunday Aug. 14, 2011, showing the confessed terrorist Anders Behring Breivik as he is taken back to Utoya Island by police on Saturday for a reconstruction of the July 22 terror attacks.

(AP Photo)

B. H. AMLAND
MALIN RISING

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The chilling images of Anders Behring Breivik simulating shots into the water at the island where he killed 69 people at a youth camp were broadcast around the world Sunday after police brought him back there. Restrained by a harness, the Norwegian reconstructed his actions for police in a secret daylong trip back to the crime scene at Utoya island near Oslo. A prosecutor also confirmed Norwegian media reports that police received several phone calls during the attack that were probably from Breivik himself, but wouldn't say how police had reacted to the calls. According to Norwegian daily Aftenposten, Breivik offered to surrender several times and asked police to call him back, but they didn't. □

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Pakistani police don't know who kidnapped American

ZARAR KHAN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Authorities searched for clues about who kidnapped an American in Pakistan but came up with no leads after questioning the guards at his house when he was abducted, police said Sunday. Gunmen snatched development expert Warren Weinstein, 70, before dawn Saturday after tricking his guards and breaking into his house in the eastern city of Lahore, a brazen raid that heightened fears among aid workers, diplomats and other foreigners already worried about Islamic militancy and anti-U.S. sentiment in Pakistan. Weinstein is the country director for J.E. Austin Associates, a development contractor that has received millions of dollars from the aid arm of the U.S. government, according to a profile on LinkedIn, a networking website. He had told his staff that he would be wrapping up his latest project and moving out of Pakistan by Monday, just a couple days after he was kidnapped. Police were hoping the guards could shed some light on who targeted Weinstein but came up empty-handed, said Shoaib Khurram, a senior police official in Lahore. "We do not yet have any concrete information that there was a specific threat," Khurram told The Associated Press. Kidnappings for ransom are

common in Pakistan, with foreigners being occasional targets. Criminal gangs are suspected in most abductions, but Islamic militants are also believed to use the tactic to raise money. J.E. Austin Associates stressed Weinstein's commitment to Pakistan's economic development in a

paying jobs for Pakistani citizens and contributed to raising the standard of living in the communities where these businesses are located," it said. The company also said Weinstein is in poor health and provided a detailed list of medications, many of them for heart problems, that it implored

15. The two men, who are close friends, met in the capital, Islamabad, in recent days. "I was shocked and deeply disturbed by his kidnapping," Khawaja said. Police said Weinstein had returned to his home in Lahore on Friday evening from Islamabad.

According to police, two of the kidnappers showed up at Weinstein's house Saturday and told the guards inside the gate of the walled compound that they wanted to give them food, an act of sharing common during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The guards opened the gate, and five other men suddenly appeared. The armed assailants over-

powered the guards and stormed into the house. Some gunmen are believed to have entered through the back. They snatched the American from his bedroom but took nothing else.

Hussain Bhatti, who worked with Weinstein in Pakistan, said the American decided to replace the security company guarding his house in recent months because of general threats to U.S. citizens working in Pakistan. But he did not know who would have targeted Weinstein. Americans in Pakistan are considered especially at risk because militants oppose Islamabad's alliance with Washington and the war in Afghanistan. □



A Pakistani woman post with National flags after the "Beating the Retreat" or flag off ceremony on the Pakistan's independence Day at the joint border check post Wagah near Lahore, Pakistan. Pakistan celebrates its 65th Independence Day on August 14 while India observes the same on August 15. Authorities searched for clues about who kidnapped an American in Pakistan but came up with no leads after questioning the guards at his house when he was abducted, police said Sunday.

(AP Photo/K.M. Chaudary)

written statement and said he has worked with a wide range of Pakistani government agencies, including the Pakistan Furniture Development Company and the Pakistan Dairy Development Company.

"His efforts to help make Pakistani industries more competitive have resulted in many hundreds of well-

the kidnappers to provide the elderly development expert. Shahab Khawaja, a former official at Pakistan's Ministry of Industries and Production, said Weinstein has been working in Pakistan since 2004 and was scheduled to finish his contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) on August

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Football scandal rattles reform-minded president



E. Gordon Gee, the Ohio State University president, second from right, helps spell O-H-I-O with a prospective student and her family at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Aug. 5, 2011. In the midst of a football scandal at Ohio State, Gee has endured the most difficult stretch in three decades spent running some of the country's largest universities.

(David Maxwell/The New York Times)

GREG BISHOP

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For E. Gordon Gee, the athletic scandal that humbled the mighty Ohio State football program overshadowed an otherwise normal, productive January, a month bookended by the Buckeyes' Sugar Bowl victory and a business trip overseas. Still, Gee boarded the flight home from China firmly behind his football coach.

He had no idea what awaited him – the most difficult stretch, he would later say, in three decades spent running some of the country's largest, most prestigious universities.

On a layover in Chicago, Gee settled into the American Airlines Admirals Club and called his office to check in. Herb Asher, counselor to the president, dispensed with the usual pleasantries. "You won't be happy with this," Asher started. Then he delivered the bad news. The football program Gee often referred to as the "university's budget running up and down the field" would soon be under NCAA investigation for apparent rules violations that included players selling memorabilia for cash and tattoos. Worse yet, emails that shattered coach Jim Tressel's earlier explanation of ignorance had been uncovered in Gee's absence.

He scheduled a series of

meetings for the next day, knowing this threatened to undermine the progress the university had made on other fronts. For all the ways Ohio State could be measured – its importance to the state's economy, the \$1 billion medical center under construction, its half million living alumni – Gee believes that even if football revenue represents only one-half of one percent of the total budget, it also garners 90 percent of the attention, an imbalance for which he has spent years trying to exploit and correct.

Until that month, Gee, 67, enjoyed his reputation as an outspoken critic of Division I athletics, as a grand reformer, bespectacled and bow-tied, who once "declared war" on the culture of college sports. He knew this reputation would collide with the transgressions of the football program, his pleas for change marked hypocritical in the wake of the investigation. Even if he disagreed, he knew how the whole thing looked. "Because here he was, the iconic leader, out there beating the drums for college reform, and he's got a scandal on his hands," Gee said. "He's just like everyone else."

The events of the past week – a retreat among university presidents to discuss reform in college athletics and then Ohio

gotten beyond itself. Do I think it's broken? Yes."

Even, apparently, under his expansive roof.

DRESS SHOE IN MOUTH

On Aug. 5, as Gee made the presidential rounds in Cleveland, what associates had described as his caricature of a college president emerged. He shook so many hands he applied sanitizer between bursts. He ate cucumbers from a local garden and spoke to civic leaders over meatloaf while wearing one of his 2,000 bow ties. The chi of Gee, one friend called it.

Gee (pronounced with a hard G) describes himself as "nerdy," but his following, especially in Colum-

or tattoos.

Gee summoned Tressel to his home the afternoon after he returned from the overseas trip and questioned him for three and a half hours. Tressel was normally "ultracommunicative," Gee said, "a guy who would communicate what shoes he was wearing in the morning." That, combined with Tressel's track record, sold Gee on Tressel's explanation that he knew nothing of the violations. (Tressel, through his lawyer, declined to comment.)

The men were close, perhaps too close in hindsight. Gee described their relationship as "wonderful." When his daughter, Re-



E. Gordon Gee, the Ohio State University president, greets guests after delivering a speech at the City Club in Cleveland, Aug. 5, 2011.

(David Maxwell/The New York Times)

State's meeting with the NCAA's infractions committee – have further exposed Gee's predicament. Namely, what power, if any, college presidents hold over their athletic departments and whether anyone, Gee included, can actually enact change in major college sports. Yet Gee views the scandal in opportunistic terms. He is beating the same drum, using what happened at Ohio State as proof. "We're in the middle of this firestorm, and everyone will be looking to us," Gee said. "I've always said I wouldn't like to have myself judged by the vicissitudes of an 18-year-old running a football. But this is the system. College athletics has

bus, is closer to that of a rock star. This is largely because "he works the room as well as anyone I know," said Bill Funk, a consultant who has conducted more than 350 president or chancellor searches. The ability to schmooze, to bend perception, made Gee the ultimate fundraiser, which afforded him the highest of presidential profiles, and a Time magazine profile two years ago lauded Gee as among the country's leading college presidents.

In three stops on Aug. 5, Gee took three questions about football, the scarlet-and-gray elephant that hung over an otherwise normal summer day. No one mentioned the players

bekah, sustained broken bones in a motor-scooter accident that killed her first husband, Tressel dispatched players to visit her in the hospital and placed decals on their helmets in remembrance.

Such trust later proved embarrassing, even for a president who keeps a fluid list of the 10 dumbest comments he ever made in public in his briefcase. Because Gee, whose charisma is built on self-deprecation, on selling himself as an ordinary guy with outsize ambitions, stepped behind a microphone on March 8 and made a joke he later described as a "disaster" and "my dumbest statement yet." □

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New food offerings at the Renaissance Marketplace

Oranjestad - The Renaissance Marketplace recently welcomed a number of new very exciting eateries and activities. Among the new tenants of the mall, a major attraction, Cuba's Cookin', having moved from its hide-away on Wilhelminastraat into a more prominent part of town.

After spending almost 13 years in a quaint colonial location, Cuba's Cooking Restaurant relocated to an airy, charming and high-ceilinged outdoor-indoor space, adjacent to the ever-so-popular CLO, City-Lounge, and facing the movie theaters.

Fans of Cuba's Cookin' will find the decor familiar, with genuine Cuban art on the walls, and an abundance

remained unchanged made with authentic Havana Club Cuban rum with mint leaves, muddled in a glass with sugar, topped with club soda and crushed ice!

Owner Douglass Markus is always on hand to welcome guests, hand out the maracas just ahead of nightly jam sessions, and even sing a song or two, playing the tambourine.

Wrapping the total experience up, the dining room staff, the girls in Cuban puff sleeves and full ruffled skirts add flair to any of Aldo's entrees, when they join the party dancing between courses, showing off the Rhythm in their blood.

The old/new Cuba's Cookin' retained its charming Cuban



of musical instruments on the small stage, promising to come into play in the evening hours when Cuban culture springs to life with the talented house-musicians, delivering catchy renditions of classic Cuban love songs, salsa, rumba, mambo and Latin contemporary tunes! The food also stayed the same starring a delicious selection of Cuban and Nuevo Latino favorites with Chef Aldo in the kitchen serving abundant plates, heaped with Ropa Vieja, Picadillo and Lobster Enchilada, which is Cuba's greatest contribution to the culinary world, grilled specialties, and daily fresh catch, escorted by shrimp and the world's best fried plantain, traditional black beans and white rice besides many more Caribbean soul dishes.

Most importantly, the mojitos

Para Servirle attitude, the restaurant is eager to please and entertain, besides boasting the best matzo ball soup on the planet, mom's recipe, Douglass explains!

The restaurant is open for lunch & dinner and any amount of drinking and nibbling in between.

Another new eatery, Spanglish, promoting regional Caribbean and Latin flavors, is the brain child of three local friends Steven, Gino and Oswald, two young chefs and one food & beverage professional.

The Spanglish menu is based on culinary traditions brought to Aruba by their immigrant parents, family members and friends, who hail from other Caribbean Islands and Latin American countries.

These different flavors inspired the trio of creative foodies to come up with a

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fusion menu with a twist and thus you may find, under just one roof, favorite dishes and beverages which honor their heritage.

Appetizers include Chorizo y Morcilla, Empanadas, a drunken Ceviche, Chicharones, Arepas and Nachos, covering more or less the entire South American continent. Spanglish also offers a seafood soup nickname Rompe Colchon, touted as a powerful aphrodisiac, and guaranteed to get a rise from most.

The menu continues to scour Havana, Caracas, Rio & Puerto Rico for favorites such as Pan Cubano, Grilled Picanha with Chimichuri, and Mofongo in many ways. The Spanglish Parrillada for

Custard, Tres Leches, and Chocolate, Banana-Nut Crepes! Kids will be pleased to meet the Bungee Jumping facility, in the heart of the Renaissance Marketplace. Kids and adults, up to a certain weight limit, are invited to jump, stretch the cords, fly upward, catapult forward and backwards, for a small fee with prizes for the acrobatically-inclined individuals, or rent the small robotic vehicles which promise to be a lot of fun, as a motorized way for toddlers to tour the mall.

Other welcome additions to the Renaissance Marketplace include a lounge area for Casa Tua Pizzeria, and more live entertainment for Café Tropical, Cilo - City



two, is served table side on a mini coal grill. Other interesting entrees include Paella Latina, Chilean Salmon, and a number of steaks with flavorful Latin/Caribbean sides. Desserts also stick to the continent with Sweet Caramel

Lounge and the veteran Café The Plaza.

Visit the Renaissance Marketplace for breakfast, lunch or dinner, and anytime in between, it is brimming with activities and bursting with flavors. ☐

Bridge results Aloha Bridge Club Aruba

Thursday, August 11, 2011

A total of 13 pairs attended the bridge session of this morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The following guest players joined the group : Ed Bauman and Jim Doig.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1)	Annette Ybeles / Joke Henriquez	64.58 %
2)	Ghislaine Mendes / Carola Pinxter	61.00 %
3)	Jim Doig / Ed Bauman	57.50 %
4)	Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe	55.00 %
5)	Gerry Meenhorst / Liesbeth van den Ham	52.92 %

Friday, August 12, 2011

A total of 7 pairs joined the evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1)	Marleen van Baarlen / Els Lacle	70.00 %
2)	Maylene and Fred Koopman	57.50 %
3)	Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse	52.50 %
4)	Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez	50.00 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm.

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Jr cyclists win two medals in Puerto Rico



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Bermuda won their first

medal – Gold – courtesy of Molly Pilgrim [pictured] who won the 10k Girls Time Trial by two seconds over Coral Ramirez of Puerto Rico. Bermuda's Gabriella Arnold captured third place

in the same race to give Bermuda two spots on the medal podium. In the Juvenile Boys 15-16 group Mark Godfrey finished 6th, while Daelen Richardson finished 14th over 15 kilometers. □

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helps put it all together. While the New Climax Band is best known for its Carnival performances, it plays many other musical genres besides Soca & Calypso, delivering an excellent repertory of Latin favorites in general, including a hot potpourri of Salsa and Merengue. Rusty reports the band will be playing every Saturday night, for the next few months, which is well matched with Kalin's

bar favorites, including his drunk chevice! The Palm Beach Plaza Mall also offers Zumba Classes at starting Tuesday from 6.30 to 7.30 pm, and Thursday nights are dedicated to Salsa & Merengue, as well as workshop with Pachange, starting at 8.30pm. Look forward to Sunday Night, as Family Night at the mall, Ladies Night on Wednesday, and other organized weekly events. □

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El Gaucho expands its already extensive menu with new dishes

Oranjestad – Just when you thought it couldn't get better, it did. El Gaucho Argentine Grill has just recently introduced three new entrees, to rave reviews from fans and friends of the restaurant. Expanding on the restaurant's selection of seafood dishes, the chefs added a melt-in-your-mouth Chilean Sea Bass, to the list of main courses. At El Gau-

cho Argentine Grill the Sea Bass is served as a thick cut, with a perfect light sear on the outside and a juicy medium-rare inside, which is incredible delicious with drawn butter and a sprinkle of Japanese seaweed salad, besides the restaurant's famed traditional sides. Another new combination which made its debut at the restaurant this summer featured a jumbo Grilled Ca-



One Mac Turkey and One Happy Island



Mac Turkey Beth Linnen is third from right.

Beth Linnen is one of the Mac Turkeys who recently held their bi-annual reunion here in Aruba. When she checked in for the return flight to Chicago, she was told that her bag weighed more than the maximum allowed. Apparently, unbeknownst to Beth, her carrier had just reduced the baggage weight limit by ten pounds. She opened her suitcase and sadly started to remove the prized souvenirs she had planned to take to her friends in Michigan City: a couple of six-packs of Balashi Beer. When the friendly Aruban check-in lady saw the Balashi's and noticed what Beth was doing, she said, "Oh, I hate to see you lose that," and allowed Beth to put the Balashi Beer back in the suitcase. Says Beth: "Now, that is One Happy Island." PS. The friends in Michigan City loved the souvenirs! □

ribbean Lobster Tail paired with lemon caper and a tropical fruit salsa. Playing on the grilled lobster theme even further, Lola's Combo was created, representing Lomo & Langosta, the best of both worlds, a beautiful combination of Argentine Tenderloin & Caribbean Lobster Tail both cooked to order and escorted to the table with clear drawn butter.

El Gaucho Argentine Grill, located in a colonial townhouse on Wilhelminastreet #80, was the first Argentine restaurant to open its doors in Aruba on February 17th, 1977.

It has been serving a variety of tempting dishes since then, starring quality Argentine steaks, which is tender and juicy, charcoal-grilled to perfection. The restaurant menu also

boasts some seafood including fresh local catch and shrimp.

This summer the restaurant expanded on its seafood selection, and extended its opening hours. El Gaucho Argentine Grill is now open every day, including lunch on Sundays, offering lunch specials and free sangria. Dinner is served every day with live music, and the res-

taurant offers Aruba's only Kids Play Room, where parents may leave their kids to draw, play games and watch movies, while they are quietly enjoying their food.

Garufa Cigar & Cocktail Lounge, just across the restaurant is now being fully renovated and will be re-opened with a big splash in the Fall. □



Ugla ending: Cubs stop 33-game hit streak

Atlanta Braves' Dan Ugla, second from left, sits in the dugout in the ninth inning as his 33-game hitting streak comes to an end after he went 0-for-3 in the 6-5 loss to the Chicago Cubs in their baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at Turner Field in Atlanta.

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Novak Djokovic captures Rogers

MONTREAL (AP) — Top-ranked Novak Djokovic beat Mardy Fish 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 to win the Rogers Cup on Sunday for his ninth tournament title of the year and



Novak Djokovic, from Serbia, raises the trophy after defeating Mardy Fish, from the United States, to win the men's final at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, in Montreal.

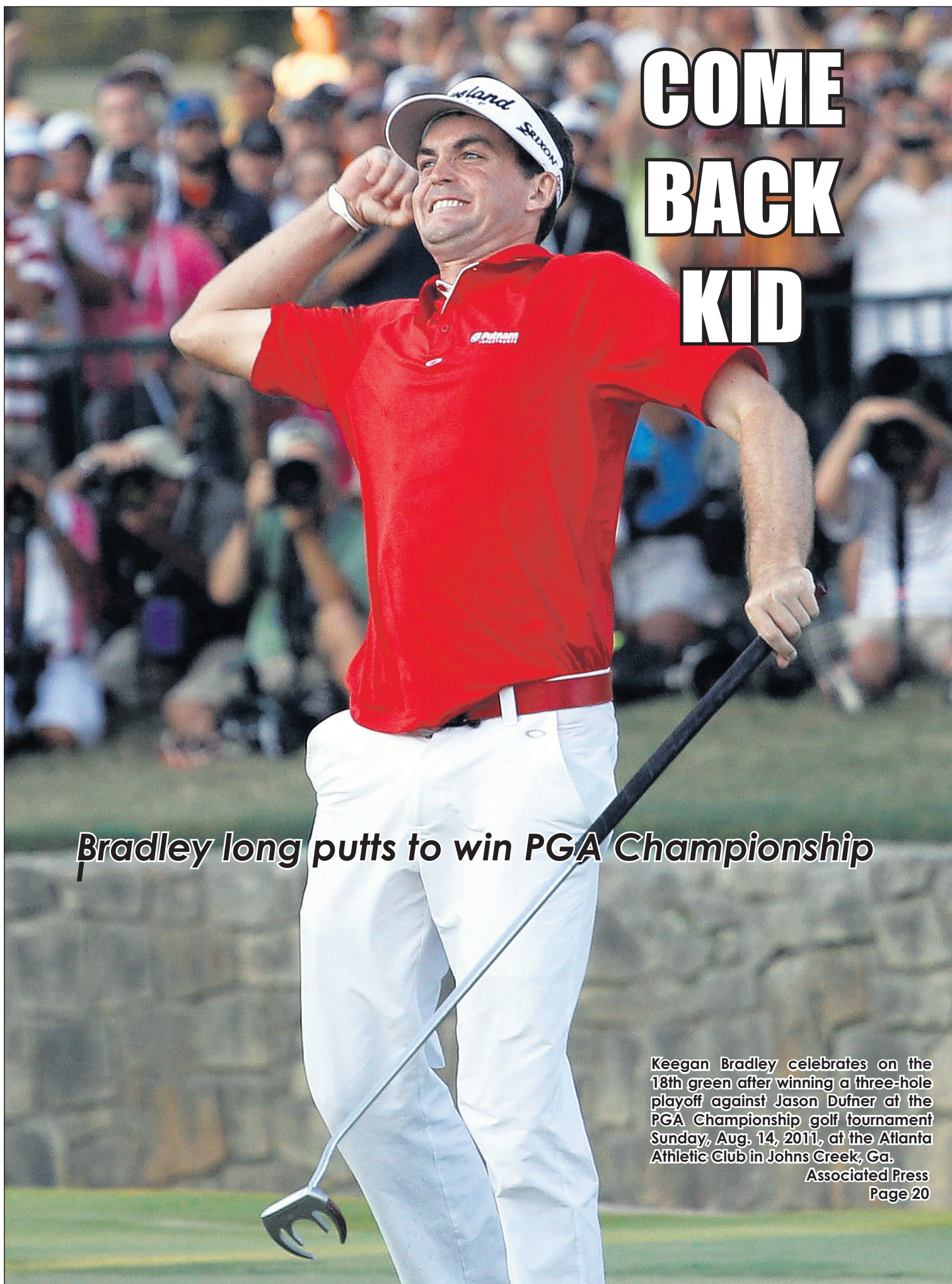
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record fifth in a season in an ATP Masters event.

Djokovic, the Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, is now 29-0 this year on hard courts and 53-1 overall. He also won the Rogers Cup in 2007.

"I am human — I can definitely assure you of that," the 24-year-old Serb said. "I guess it's just all about having a positive attitude on the court every day, waking up every day wanting to improve, wanting to win, being determined, being professional. It's that desire and motivation that keeps me going."

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COME BACK KID

Bradley long putts to win PGA Championship

Keegan Bradley celebrates on the 18th green after winning a three-hole playoff against Jason Dufner at the PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

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Serena Williams beats Stosur, wins Rogers Cup

TORONTO (AP) — Eight weeks into her comeback, Serena Williams captured the Rogers Cup in commanding fashion Sunday, dispatching 10th-seed Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-4, 6-2 for her first Canadian crown since 2001.

The victory was just the latest step in a remarkable comeback from injury and illness that has seen her win two of the four tournaments she's played since being sidelined for 49 weeks.

"Being down the way I've been down and coming back, it was cool. Eight months ago if there was only one tournament I wanted to win, it was Toronto," Williams said. "For whatever reason, I really wanted to win this event. So seeing it come true is really cool. Just going through so much and being able to win is even more amazing."

Williams, who has 38 titles to her name including 13 Grand Slams, was sidelined just days after her Wimbledon victory last summer, first with a foot injury sustained when she stepped on a piece of glass in a restaurant in Germany, and then with blood clots in her lungs.

The American, who won the Stanford Classic two weeks ago, has talked since her return about a change in philosophy, focusing on just having fun. But she was all business Sunday in front of a nearly full Rexall Centre crowd.

The mighty Williams, wearing the emerald green shirt and black skirt she'd been sporting all week,

had Stosur on her heels throughout the match with her powerful strokes. She broke the 27-year-old Aussie to go up 5-4 in the opening set with a blistering backhand, and would break her twice more in the second in the 1-hour, 17-minute match, winning in emphatic fashion with her ninth ace.

Williams was asked if she ever had any doubt during her long layoff about whether she would be able to return to tennis.

"Never. Never once. No," she answered.

She said she's looked to Kim Clijsters for inspiration. The Belgian retired to have a baby, then returned two years later to win the U.S. Open in her third tournament back.

"Kim did something really amazing," Williams said. "I just hope I can do half as good as she did. She won the Open two years in a row now. I'm hoping to get close to there, that title."

The former top-ranked Williams was unseeded in the Rogers Cup and is ranked just 80th in the world as she continues her comeback. She's projected to rise to No. 31 in the next rankings, and will definitely be considered a favorite at the upcoming U.S. Open.

"I consider myself a favorite to just do what I can do best, if that means winning the U.S. Open, obviously I want to," she said. "I went through a lot of things physically and mentally and emotionally, and going through so much, I'm just taking it one day at a time



Serena Williams, of the United States, poses with her trophy after defeating Samantha Stosur, of Australia, during the Rogers Cup finals women's tennis tournament in Toronto on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

said. "So much speculation. It's unbelievable. Shocking, really. It's too much. It's really too much. We're really good friends. I guess you can't be too close of a friend nowadays."

The player was otherwise in a joking mood, chuckling about her age and the fact 10 years had passed since she won her other Rogers Cup title.

"Yeah, it's pretty shocking," she said. "It's like, 'Oh my god, 10 years! Am I really 26 now?' Like wow, it's crazy."

Williams turns 30 on Sept. 26.

Williams' dad and long-time coach, Richard, also was in the crowd, he and wife Lakeisha holding Serena's two small, white dogs as she accepted her racket-shaped crystal trophy. □

and just going with it."

Toronto rapper Drake was among fans in the almost-full Rexall Stadium, and Williams bristled in the post-

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match news conference when asked to respond to rumors about their relationship.

"Oh man, really?" Williams

Novak

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Every match I play, I try to win, regardless which match is it or whoever is across the net."

The sixth-seeded Fish was the only player to win a set a set against Djokovic this week.

Fish has lost all seven career meetings with Djokovic, but gave the top seed a battle with his mix of baseline and attacking play. "I put myself in a lot of positions to have chances," Fish said. "I just didn't execute on the big points. There's a reason why (Djokovic) has won so many matches this year. He's got to be leading the tour in break points saved,

I'm sure, among other things. Those are huge."

Djokovic, who played night matches this week, looked uncomfortable from the outset in the afternoon match and needed to save six break points to get through the opening set.

He saved his eighth of the match before Fish finally broke him with a perfect forehand down the line to take a 3-2 lead in the second set. Djokovic looked lost as he was broken again to close out the set.

But Djokovic was near-perfect on his service in the final set, although he needed four break points, one of which he challenged a call and lost, before finally putting away Fish.

"It was a close match, for

sure," Djokovic said. "A couple of points, one good return game in the third set, decided the winner. But it's a final. I knew that he is not going to give me the match and the win. I knew that I have to fight for it. Up to the last moment, you didn't really know who is going to win.

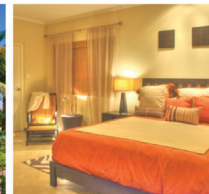
But I believed I could do it. I had composure when I needed to. I think that was decisive."

Djokovic was playing his first event since winning Wimbledon, while Fish has been the hottest player of the hard-court season leading to the U.S. Open later this month. He has reached finals in three straight tournaments in the last month, winning in Atlanta. □



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Lillibridge helps White Sox top Royals 6-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Brent Lillibridge hit a three-run homer and John Danks pitched six strong innings as the Chicago White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 6-2 in the American League on Sunday.

Paul Konerko added three hits for the White Sox (60-60), who have won eight of 10 to reach .500. Alexei Ramirez had two hits and scored twice.

Chicago improved its abysmal home record to 26-33 and moved within four games of AL Central-leading Detroit, which lost 8-5 at Baltimore.

The White Sox won consecutive games in a single series at home for the first time since June 21 and 22 against the Cubs.

Danks (5-9) allowed two runs and four hits, struck out six and walked four, improving to 5-1 with a 2.29 ERA in his last nine starts.

Jeff Francis (4-13) lasted just 3 2-3 innings for Kansas City, which has lost six of seven. Rangers 7, Athletics 6

In Oakland, California, David Murphy hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning to clinch the win for Texas.

Mitch Moreland hit a sacrifice fly, Michael Young

and Mike Napoli each drew bases-loaded walks against former Ranger Rich Harden and NL West-leading Texas extended its winning streak in the rivalry to eight games.

Mike Adams (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth for the victory and Neftali Feliz finished for his 23rd save in 29 chances.

Andrew Bailey (0-3) got the loss.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 3
At Seattle, Charlie Furbush allowed just one run in a career-best seven innings, leading Seattle to the victory.

Casper Wells homered and scored two runs for the Mariners, who took two of three from the AL East leaders.

For the first time since late June, the Red Sox failed to win or split a series.

Their lead in the division dwindled to a half-game over the Yankees, who were rained out on Sunday. Furbush (3-4) yielded four hits in just his fifth start of the season.

He struck out a career-high six.

Kevin Youkilis hit a two-run homer in the eighth for Boston.

Tim Wakefield (6-5) gave up four earned runs and



Chicago White Sox's Brent Lillibridge hits a three-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Chicago, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

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nine hits in eight innings, but was denied his 200th career victory for the fourth straight start.

Orioles 8, Tigers 5

At Baltimore, Nick Markakis homered and drove in four runs, and Jo-Jo Reyes allowed four hits over six innings to earn his first win with Baltimore.

Nolan Reimold and Adam

Jones had three hits apiece for the Orioles, who got off to a quick start in their second win in eight games. Baltimore led 3-0 after two innings and pulled away with a three-run fifth.

Markakis also had three hits — a homer with a man on in the first inning and RBI singles in the fifth and sixth. Reyes (6-9) gave up one run,

struck out four and walked two. Jim Johnson got three outs for his second save after Detroit mounted a serious comeback bid from an 8-1 deficit.

Ramon Santiago homered for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (4-13) yielded eight runs, six earned, and 12 hits over 5 2-3 innings.

Blue Jays 5, Angels 4, 10 innings

At Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to lead the Blue Jays past Los Angeles.

Yunel Escobar walked to begin the 10th against Fernando Rodney (2-5). Mark Teahen struck out and Jose Bautista walked before Hisanori Takahashi came on to retire Adam Lind.

Encarnacion followed with a base hit up the alley in left-center, scoring Escobar with the winning run as Encarnacion's teammates ran out and mobbed him at second base.

Jon Rauch (5-3) pitched one inning for Toronto.

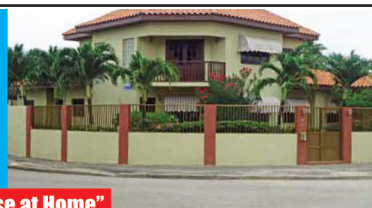
Bautista hit his major league-leading 34th homer and Eric Thames also connected for the Blue Jays, who had lost six of 10 coming in. Rookie Brett Lawrie hit a tying RBI double in the ninth. □



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Uggla's streak ends as Cubs top Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — The Chicago Cubs stopped Dan Uggla's 33-game hitting streak and rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Atlanta Braves 6-5 in the National League on Sunday. The Braves led 4-0 through five innings and 5-4 through six, but Carlos Pena hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh for Chicago. Uggla went 0 for 3 with an RBI, ending the longest hitting streak in Major League Baseball in five years.

His best chance to extend the streak came in the fifth, but second baseman Darwin Barney made a diving catch of his fly ball in right field. Uggla then grounded out to shortstop against Jeff Samardzija in the seventh in his final at-bat.

John Grabow (3-0) got the victory, while Eric O'Flaherty (1-4) took the loss after allowing Pena's 23rd homer.

Diamondbacks 5, Mets 3

In Phoenix, Justin Upton homered and Paul Gold-



Atlanta Braves batter Dan Uggla (26), who went 0-for-3 to end his 33-game hitting streak, grounds out to end the seventh inning during a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at Turner Field in Atlanta.

schmidt doubled twice to help Arizona earn its sixth consecutive win.

Diamondbacks starter Jason Marquis, acquired in a July 30 trade from Washing-

ton, was hit by a line drive in the third inning and left the game with a broken shinbone. Zach Duke (3-4), who came on in relief of Marquis, allowed two runs and four hits over 2 2-3 innings. New York's Chris Capuano (9-11) allowed four runs and nine hits over six innings.

Brewers 2, Pirates 1, 10 innings

At Milwaukee, Nyjer Morgan hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to help Milwaukee complete a three-game series sweep.

The Brewers now have won all eight games against the Pirates this season and 12 straight over the last two years at home. The Pirates have won just two of their last 36 games in Milwaukee. With one out in the 10th inning, George Kottaras singled to left field and Casey McGehee followed with a double. Morgan then hit the first pitch from Chris Res-

op (3-4) to deep right field and Kottaras scored for the victory.

Takashi Saito (3-1) got the win after pitching a scoreless 10th.

Padres 7, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, the Padres scored four runs in the third inning Sunday off an ailing Dontrelle Willis, who left during the rally with a sore forearm.

Willis (0-3) threw a pair of wild pitches — one of them letting in a run — and gave up back-to-back RBI singles before heading for the dugout. He'll be examined on Monday.

A day after the Reds hit seven homers, they were limited to just four hits, including Jay Bruce's three-run shot off Wade LeBlanc (1-2). James Darnell had a pair of run-scoring singles for the Padres. Orlando Hudson also tripled home a run.

Giants 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Ryan Vogelsong pitched into the eighth inning to earn his career-high 10th win for San Francisco. The Giants also got four homers, including Cody Ross' two-run shot in the third inning. Brandon Belt had two solo home runs and Nate Schierholtz also homered. Vogelsong (10-2) struck out eight while allowing two runs and four hits in 7 2-3 innings. Florida's Chris Volstad (5-9) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Dodgers 7, Astros 0

At Los Angeles, Hiroki Kuroda pitched seven strong innings and Justin Sellers hit a three-run drive for his first MLB homer to lead the Dodgers. Matt Kemp matched his career high with his 28th homer of the season, and Dioner Navarro also went deep and scored twice. □

Team New Zealand wins 1st America's Cup WS regatta

CASCAIS, Portugal (AP) — Emirates Team New Zealand won the first America's Cup World Series regatta on Sunday with a dramatic come-from-behind move in the winner-take-all fleet race. Dean Barker skippered the Kiwis' 45-foot catamaran to the victory in light, patchy wind. Oracle Racing's Jimmy Spithill, the winning skipper in the 2010 America's Cup, jumped to a convincing early lead but couldn't protect it. Barker found more wind on his side of the race course on the second lap to pass Spithill, who had won the match-racing championship on Saturday. "For us it was fan-



New Zealand's Emirates Team New Zealand AC45, skippered by Dean Barker, rounds the last mark to win the America's Cup World Series Cascais Championship Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, in Cascais, near Lisbon.

tastic," Barker said. "It was always going to be a very difficult race, as the breeze never really established.

There were big 'holes' in the race course, so it was about being at the right place at the right time." □

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Bradley wins PGA in playoff after rousing comeback

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia (AP)

— Keegan Bradley won the PGA Championship after staging an amazing comeback to force a three-hole playoff and beat Jason Dufner at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Five shots behind with three holes to play in the PGA Championship, Bradley made back-to-back birdies to begin his rally. Equally stunning was the collapse from Jason Dufner, who was flawless on the home stretch until Sunday, when he made three straight bogeys with the Wanamaker Trophy on the line.

Bradley won a three-hole playoff, making him only the third player in at least 100 years to win a major in his first try.

He also became the first player to win a major with a long putter — a belly putter — and it proved to be the most important club in his bag. Bradley rattled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole in regulation to keep alive his chances, then showed the perfect touch with a two-putt across the 18th green for a par to close out a 2-under 68.

Dufner, now winless in 148 starts on the PGA Tour, stooped over on the 18th fairway in the playoff before hitting his final shot, knowing that he had thrown away his best chance at finally winning — in a major, no less.

And so ended the final major of the year — a guy in a red shirt pumping his fists along the back nine of Atlanta Athletic Club, providing excitement that the PGA Championship had been missing until the final hour.

Until then, this major had been remembered for Ti-

ger Woods missing the cut by six shots and looking lost as ever, and for U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy hitting a tree root in the opening round and playing the rest of the week with his right wrist heavily taped.

Bradley, best known until now as the nephew of LPGA great Pat Bradley, was No. 108 in the world after having won the Byron Nelson Championship earlier this year in a sudden-death playoff, again after the leaders had faded on the closing holes.

This makes seven straight majors won by players who had never before captured a Grand Slam event, the longest streak in history. "He's got a good pedigree with Pat Bradley in the family," Dufner said. "I'm sure he's picked up a few things from her about winning, attitude and golf in general. He's probably got a pretty strong future out here."

Bradley now moves to No. 29 in the world, and ends the longest American drought in the majors at six tournaments. Phil Mickelson had been the last American at the 2010 Masters, and perhaps that's only fitting.

Mickelson has been playing money games during practice rounds at the big tournaments with Bradley, wanting him to be prepared to play for something more prestigious than cash. The kid must have taken the lessons to heart. He never gave up when he had every reason to do just that.



Keegan Bradley answers question during a news conference with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning a three-hole playoff against Jason Dufner at the PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

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Bradley was two shots behind when he arrived at the pivotal stretch of the course. From left of the 15th green, he hit an aggressive chip that came out too hot and rolled into the water, leading to a triple bogey. That put him five shots behind with three to play.

Dufner watched it all unfold from high on the hill as he waited on the 15th tee, his lead suddenly up to four shots over Anders Hansen, who was in the process of making bogey. Dufner, so unflappable all day, had played the ferocious four-hole closing stretch in a combined 3 under for the first three days without every making bogey.

This was different. This was

Sunday.

Dufner, for the first time showing even a trace of emotion, winced slightly when he saw the flight of his tee shot. It found the pond to the right of the green, yet he poured in a 12-foot putt to at least escape with bogey. His lead was still four shots, and when he split the middle of the 16th fairway, he seemed to be on his way.

Then came an unlikely chain of events.

Bradley stuffed his shot into 8 feet for birdie on the 16th. Behind him in the final group, Dufner hit into the right bunker, blasted out to 10 feet and made bogey. Now his lead was down to two shots.

Dufner arrived on the 17th tee in time to watch as Bradley rattled in a 35-foot putt, pumping his fists as his caddie stood behind the hole holding the flag over his head with both arms. Dufner did well to find the middle of the green for what appeared to be a safe two-putt par. But he ran his first putt 10 feet by the hole and three-putted for bogey.

Just like that, they were tied.

With the pressure as great as it had been all day, both played the 18th the same way — dry. Both had long two-putts for par from one side of the green to the other. They finished at 8-under 272. Dufner's 5-iron on the opening hole of the playoff — the uphill 16th — came within an inch of hitting the hole and stopped 6 feet away. Bradley answered with a shot into 4 feet and made the birdie, while Dufner missed his putt.

On the 17th, Dufner again three-putted for bogey to give Bradley a two-shot lead going to the 18th. The final drama for Bradley was watching his 6-iron descend toward the green, clearing the lake with not much room to spare. Dufner rolled in a birdie, but by then it was too late to recover from his mistakes.

"I'm so new at this situation, I don't know if I appreciate it as much as I will — soon," Dufner said. "I might look back in 10 or 15 years and be disappointed if I never get another chance." □



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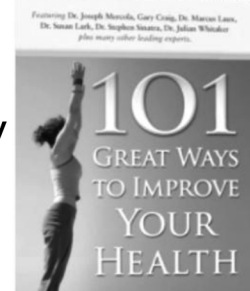
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For children with autism, rail ties that bind

CHRISTINE HAUGHNEY
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NEW YORK — Ravi Greene can tell you how to get anywhere in New York City by transit — like the beach, on the 6 train.

"The 6 goes elevated from Whitlock Avenue to Pelham Bay Park," he explains. "And at Pelham Bay Park, you can transfer for a Bx29 or a Bx12 — the Bx12 to Orchard Beach."

Ravi has drafted elaborate proposals for expanded bus service in Brooklyn, and has memorized the exact date that the W train stopped running in 2010.

And he is only 5 years old. Like many children with autism spectrum disorders, Ravi is fascinated by trains and buses, entranced by their motion and predictability. And for years, these children crowded the exhibitions of the modest New York Transit Museum, chattering about schedules and engine components and old subway maps.

"This is really their element," said Ravi's mother, Juliana Boehm, who brings Ravi and Oliver, his 8-year-old brother, who is also on the autism spectrum, to the museum almost weekly. "If I suggested another activity," she added, "it may have provoked anxiety." Now, the museum, and

others like it, are moving beyond accommodating the enthusiasm for trains and buses among children with autism and trying to

The museum created a "Subway Sleuths" after-school program for 9- and 10-year-olds with autism that focuses on the history



A teacher relates to a child with autism.

use it to teach them how to connect with other people — and the world.

Marcia Ely, the New York Transit Museum's assistant director, helped create the outreach after sensing the overwhelming demand: Schools for children with autism flooded her with requests for field trips; she was regularly stopped on the street by parents of autistic kids who wanted to talk when she was carrying her transit museum umbrella; and she saw the same children returning to the museum every weekend.

of New York City trains but seeks to make the children more at ease socially. Oliver was allowed in the program a year early. The link between trains and autism is well documented. Autism refers to a spectrum of disorders that typically includes impairment in social interaction and sometimes includes stereotyped interests, like trains. People with autism have difficulty processing and making sense of the world, so they are drawn to predictable patterns, which, of course, trains run by. □

Official: Lack of funding harms Indian health



Friends and relatives of killed Triqui Indians load a coffin containing one of the bodies on a vehicle at the end of a protest in Oaxaca City. Native Americans aren't getting the health care they need because services for them are vastly underfunded, the director of the federal Indian Health Service said this weekend.

JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Native Americans aren't getting the health care they need because services for them are vastly underfunded, the director of the federal Indian Health Service said this weekend. Yvette Roubideaux told a gathering of American Indian doctors that her agency is still underfunded despite significant gains made in recent years. "It's really clear that the health disparities, the lack of health care providers, the lack of updated facilities, the delays in providing care — all of those seem to fundamentally result from the lack of resources that we have," Roubideaux said in an address to the

(AP Photo/Luis Alberto Cruz)
annual conference of the Association of American Indian Physicians. The federal government spends more per-capita on health care for prisoners than for Native Americans who get their care from the Indian Health Service, she said. When compared with the population as a whole, Indians are twice as likely to die from suicide, three times more likely to die from diabetes-related complications and six times more likely to die from alcohol abuse, according to IHS statistics. Roubideaux said her agency has been fortunate to avoid budget cuts so far and actually saw its budget increase significantly in 2010. But deficit-reduction negotiations could erode some of those gains, she said. Noting that the federal health care overhaul will increase health options for Indians, Roubideaux said she's focused on improving customer service and quality of care in the IHS so patients won't look elsewhere for care. Improving the agency's management can increase the outcomes even without full funding, she said. □

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Sales of gold up on eBay amid stock market turmoil

RACHEL METZ

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

For gold sellers on eBay, the recent stock market turmoil has been a boon for business.

Gold and silver sales on eBay had already been rising steadily over the past several years — so much so that eBay Inc. created a special area in May to make it easier for buyers to find sellers.

Now, activity on that part of the site, the Bullion Center, is intensifying as consumers unnerved by the economic uncertainty flock to gold in hopes it will be a stable investment.

"When people are coming down to the question, 'Do they want to have cash in the bank or gold in their hands?' the answer is they'd rather have gold or silver," said Jacob Chandler, CEO of Great Southern Coins, the largest seller of precious metals on eBay. The stock market just ended one of its most volatile weeks in years, prompted in part by a downgrade in the nation's credit rating and fears of another recession. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 6 percent on Monday, its

worst one-day drop since December 2008. Then the index rose Tuesday, fell Wednesday and rose Thursday and Friday to end the week 2 percent lower than a week ago.

Through most of last week, the average selling price increased for gold bullion — bars or coins stamped with their weight and level of purity.

According to the most recent data available from eBay, sales of 1-ounce gold American Eagle coins and 1-ounce-gold Pamp Suisse bars rose steadily from Aug. 5 to Wednesday, before dipping slightly on Thursday.

On Aug. 5, when Standard & Poor's lowered the nation's credit rating, American Eagle coins were selling for an average of \$1,800 among eBay's featured sellers. The average price of the coins, produced by the U.S. Mint, rose more than 8 percent to \$1,952 on Wednesday, before dropping to \$1,915 on Thursday.

The Pamp Suisse brand of gold bars sold for an average of \$1,787 on Aug. 5 and climbed nearly 8 percent to \$1,927 by Wednesday. On Thursday, the bars dropped slightly to \$1,890.



In this Feb. 24, 2010 file photo, an eBay logo is seen at their offices in San Jose, Calif. EBay said Thursday, Aug. 12, 2011, that during the week that ended Aug. 6 the number of gold buyers on its site rose 11 percent compared with the weekly average throughout this year. The number of gold sellers rose 14 percent above the year's weekly average as well.

Associated Press

Even before last week's market turbulence, investors were cautious because economic signals in the U.S. and overseas pointed toward trouble.

The Dow index fell 6 percent in the week ending Aug. 6.

That week, the number of gold buyers on eBay rose 11 percent compared with the year's weekly average. The number of gold sellers rose 14 percent. EBay

would not provide the total number of buyers and sellers.

"With all the turmoil in the markets, this is seen as a way to diversify," said Anthony Delvecchio, eBay's vice president of business management and strategy for eBay's North America business.

EBay, which is based in San Jose, California, does not impose minimum purchase amounts for bullion. Sell-

ers offer gold both through auctions and "Buy It Now" fixed-price sales.

The increased popularity of gold on eBay echoes what's happening in the broader gold market, where prices have spiked during the past two years. Gold traded at about \$900 per ounce in the summer of 2008, before the financial crisis unfolded that year. It passed \$1,600 in late May and briefly rose above \$1,800 for the first time on Wednesday before pulling back to \$1,784. On Friday, gold fell to \$1,740.60 per ounce, still nearly twice the summer 2008 prices.

Great Southern Coins has benefited from this uptick. Chandler said the company is selling more gold lately, and its silver sales remain strong, too.

Chandler estimated his business has nearly quadrupled in the past 45 days, and he said it appeared to be up about five or six times during the past week, with most of this growth coming from sales on eBay.

Daniel Hirsch, a New York-based statistician who recently purchased more than a dozen gold coins on eBay from Great Southern Coins, said he started buying gold less than a year ago in an effort to expand his investment portfolio.

"It's kind of a safe haven and a hedge against low interest rates," he said. □

Donations help reactivate center's alien search

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California (AP) —

An array of 42 radio telescopes seeking signs of intelligent life in the universe will continue that work after private donors raised enough money to keep them going. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, Institute received more than \$200,000, including donations from actress Jodie Foster, to keep operating, The San Jose Mercury News reported.

The array was originally a joint project between the SETI Institute and the UC Berkeley Astronomy Laboratory, which pulled out earlier this year because of the loss of National Science Foundation grants and state budget cuts.

Senior SETI Institute astronomer Seth Shostak said he was gratified the money could be raised during these tough economic times.

"But people still think this very fundamental question — is there somebody out there as intelligent or more so than us? — is important and worth doing," he said.

The telescopes will be turned back on in September, recalibrated and operated 24 hours a day for the rest of the year as more funds are sought.

The array costs \$2.5 million a year to operate with a full staff of 10 people. As a whole, the SETI Institute has an \$18 million budget and 140 employees. The



In this Oct. 9, 2007 file photo, radio telescopes of the Allen Telescope Array are seen in Hat Creek, Calif. An array of 42 radio telescopes seeking signs of intelligent life in the universe will continue that work after private donors raised enough money to keep them going.

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funding which comes from donors, NASA and the National Science Foundation. SETI Institute CEO Tom Piereson told supporters in a letter that his goal is to raise \$5 million so that the radio dishes can be pointed at 1,235 new so-called "exo-

planets" that were announced in February by NASA's Kepler mission.

The array is not only used to search for E.T.s, but is also contributing to research into black holes, pulsars and magnetic fields in the Milky Way. □

Low interest rates do little to sway nervous customers

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TARA BERNARD**
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The Federal Reserve's announcement last week that it intended to keep credit cheap for at least two more years was a clear invitation to Americans: Go out and borrow.

But many economists say it will take more than low interest rates to persuade consumers, a crucial driver of the nation's economy, to take on more debt.

There are already signs that the recent stock market upheaval, turbulence in Europe and gridlock in Washington over the federal deficit have spooked consumers.

On Friday, preliminary data showed that the Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment index had fallen this month to lower than it was in November 2008, when the country was deep in recession.

Under normal circumstances, the Fed's announcement might have attracted new home and car buyers and prompted credit card holders to rack up fresh charges. But with unemployment high and those with jobs worried about keeping them, consumers are more concerned about paying off the loans they have than adding debt. And by showing its hand for the next two years, the Fed may have inadvertently invited prospective



Jim Cramer and Melissa Lee tape CNBC's "Squawk on the Street" on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. CNBC, not its smaller rivals, seems to be benefiting the most from interest this month in the last-minute deal on the United States debt ceiling, the S&P downgrade of America's debt rating and the stability of European banks.

(Evan Sung/The New York Times)

borrowers to put off large purchases.

Lenders, meanwhile, are still dealing with the after-effects of the boom-gone-bust and are forcing prospective borrowers to go to extraordinary lengths to prove their creditworthiness.

"I don't think lenders are going to be interested in extending a lot of debt in this environment," said Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics, a macroeconomic consulting firm. "Nor do I think households are going to be interested in taking on a lot

of debt."

In housing, consumers have already shown a lackluster response to low rates. Applications for new mortgages have slowed this year to a 10-year low, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Sales of furniture and furnishings remain 22 percent below their pre-recession peak, according to MasterCard Advisors SpendingPulse, a research service. Credit card rates have actually gone up slightly in the past year. The one bright spot in lending is the number of auto loans, which is up from last year. But some

economists note that confidence among car buyers is hitting new lows.

For Xavier Walter, a former mortgage banker who with his wife, Danielle, accumulated \$70,000 on a home equity line and \$20,000 in credit card debt, low rates will not change his spending habits.

As the housing market topped out five years ago, he lost his six-figure income. He and his wife were able to modify the mortgage on their four-bedroom colonial in Medford, N.J., as well as ne-

gotiate lower credit card payments.

Two years ago, Xavier Walter, a 34-year-old father of three, started an energy business. He has sworn off credit. "I'm not going to go back in debt ever again," he said. "If I can't pay for it in cash, I don't want it."

Until now, one of the biggest restraints on consumer spending has been a debt hangover. Since August 2008, when household debt peaked at \$12.41 trillion, it has declined by about \$1.2 trillion, according to an analysis by Moody's Analytics of data from the Federal Reserve and Equifax, the credit agency. A large portion of that, though, was simply written off by lenders as borrowers defaulted on loans.

By other measures, households have improved their position. The proportion of after-tax income that households spend to remain current on loan payments has fallen, from close to 14 percent in early 2007 to 11.5 percent now, according to Moody's Analytics.

Still, household debt remains historically high. That presents a conundrum: many economists argue that the economy cannot achieve true health until debt levels decline. But credit, made attractive by low rates, is a time-tested way to kick-start consumer spending. □

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California scrutinizes property tax exemption of nonprofits

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A growing number of nonprofit groups in California are being denied exemption from property taxes because the state's chief tax collector and assessors contend they do not do enough to benefit state residents, according to lawyers representing the groups.

"I have a client who applied for the exemption recently and has been denied on the basis that it would not be doing enough to benefit the citizens of California," said Ofer Lion, a lawyer. Lion would not name his client, but said it was a new charity with "a global outlook in its mission."

"They purchased a building in California because they relied on being able to qualify for property tax exemption," he said. "If it has to pay the tax, it's not going to go under, but less money will, of course, be available for its mission."

No one knows how many nonprofit groups in California have been affected or why the issue has become contentious now, but the state's budget woes have been mentioned as a likely motive. "It probably has something to do with the economy," said Stephanie L. Petit, who has clients dealing with the process. "I think regulators are starting to look more closely at organizations that have the property tax exemption." State and local governments have been taking a hard look at nonprofits and the various tax exemptions they receive for the last couple of years, as tax revenues have fallen and the demand for public services has risen. Last year, Hawaii tried – and failed – to impose a 1 percent tax on nonprofit groups. Boston has asked nonprofits to pay the city what is essentially a discounted property tax, and Chicago plans to ask nonprofits to start paying water and sewer fees.

Not surprisingly, such plans

run into stiff opposition from nonprofit groups and their political supporters. But in California, the rules on the property tax exemption for nonprofits evolved out of a 1944 ballot initiative, so they are more grounded than in many other places – if not necessarily applied assiduously by county assessors.

The state has a two-tiered system, in which nonprofits

Direct Relief International, which supplies medical supplies, drugs and equipment to countries around the world, does not pay property taxes on the office building and warehouse it owns in Santa Barbara.

"In the current environment, I can imagine why local assessors would be looking for revenue and scrutinizing all the organi-



Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, left, listens to Preston Davis as he speaks with constituents at a town hall meeting in American Fork, Utah, Wednesday. Chaffetz opposed a debt-limit bill that took a significant swipe at the nation's deficit and had no new taxes.

(AP Photo/Jim Urquhart)

first apply to the Board of Equalization, which collects state-mandated fees, sales and sin taxes and certifies exemption eligibility.

But assessors in each of the state's 58 counties make the final decision on exemptions, after determining whether that property is used in a way that is of "primary benefit" to California. The meaning of "primary," however, is widely interpreted. "Although there has to be a primary benefit in California or to Californians, the way we look at primary is not a straight 50 percent test," said a spokeswoman at the Board of Equalization. "Some activities and things nonprofit organizations do can't be quantified in that sort of easy way." In Los Angeles County, for example, two properties owned by World Vision International, a Christian relief and development organization whose work is largely done overseas, are exempt from property taxes. Similarly,

zations exempted from local property taxes to see if they've complied with all the requirements and basically met their end of the policy bargain," Thomas Tighe, chief executive of Direct Relief, said in an email. In San Mateo County, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has had a property tax exemption for decades, said Terry Flinn, special assistant to the county assessor.

So far this year, the Hewlett foundation has granted \$14.2 million, or about 27 percent of its total gifts of roughly \$52 million, to groups working in California. The rest went out of state and around the globe.

Flinn said that the foundation holds a long-term lease on the property it occupies, which is owned by Stanford. Both Stanford and the foundation are granted exemption from property taxes by the county each year, but that could change for the foundation. □

Business Briefs

TW Cable set to acquire Insight

Time Warner Cable, the second biggest cable television company in the U.S. after Comcast, is near a deal to acquire Insight Communications for about \$3 billion, a person with knowledge of the deal said Sunday night. The deal would be expected to be announced Monday, said this person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not been made public. Insight provides cable, broadband and phone services in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Time Warner Cable has about 12 million cable customers. The deal for Insight, the ninth largest cable operator in the country, will give Time Warner Cable an additional 680,000 cable customers. □

Leashing unlimited data plans

Cellphone plans that let people gobble up data are disappearing, just as a new crop of data-gobbling Internet services from Netflix, Spotify, Amazon, Apple and the like are hitting the market or catching on with wide audiences. These services use far more data than simply checking email or browsing the Web, so their heaviest users may find themselves running over their plan's monthly allotment and paying extra. The wireless carriers say their tighter limits will affect only a small percentage of customers. And they say they are simply trying to get ahead of an exploding appetite for data and avoid problems with overburdened networks. □

Factors push Europe to downturn

Data released Friday leaves little doubt that the European economy is losing momentum before most countries have even recovered to the level of output they had in 2008, when the recession hit. But the larger question is whether an increasingly toxic brew of flagging output and sovereign debt crisis – along with the market downturn – will create something more sinister than a mere slowdown, and lead more businesses to cut jobs and investment. Economists are expecting a report Tuesday on euro area economic activity. If there is less economic growth, governments will collect less tax revenue.

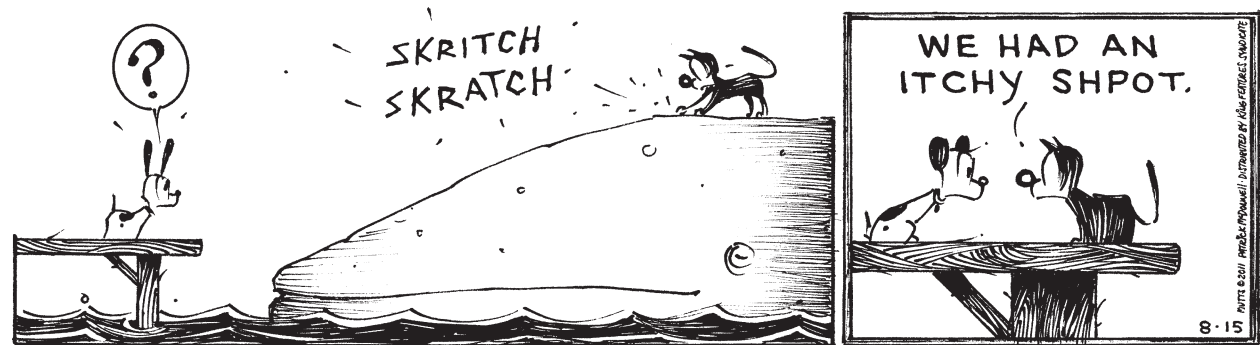
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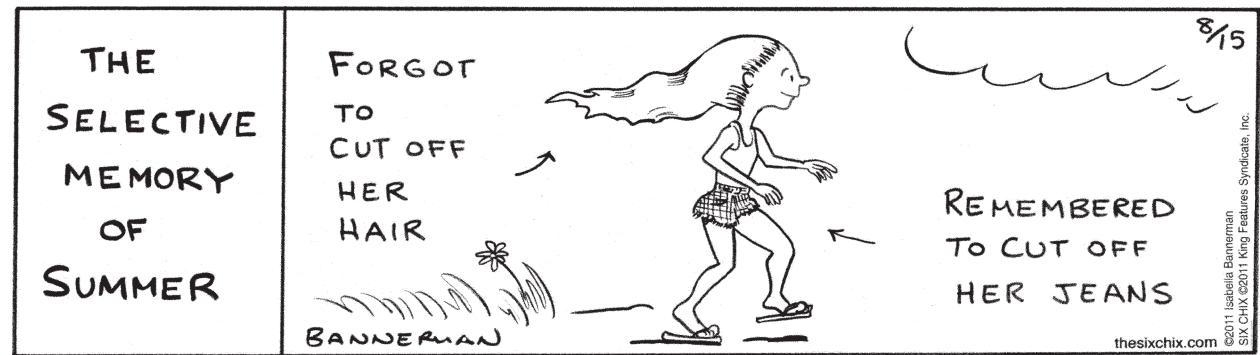
French: fiction helped set off panic!

A series of articles in Le Monde, "End of the Line for the Euro," looked at how a collapse of the currency might hypothetically play out, particularly against the backdrop of French presidential elections next year. While the newspaper's 12-part series was clearly labeled as fiction, it named real banks, like Societe Generale, whose shares plunged 15 percent last Wednesday, prompting the bank to deny speculation that it was in financial trouble. Now French politicians, business leaders and journalists are wondering if that series somehow played a role. □

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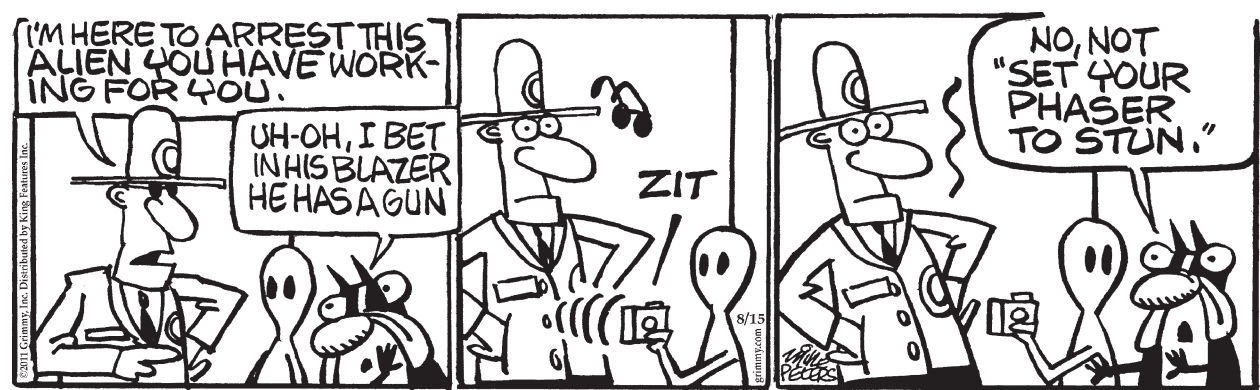
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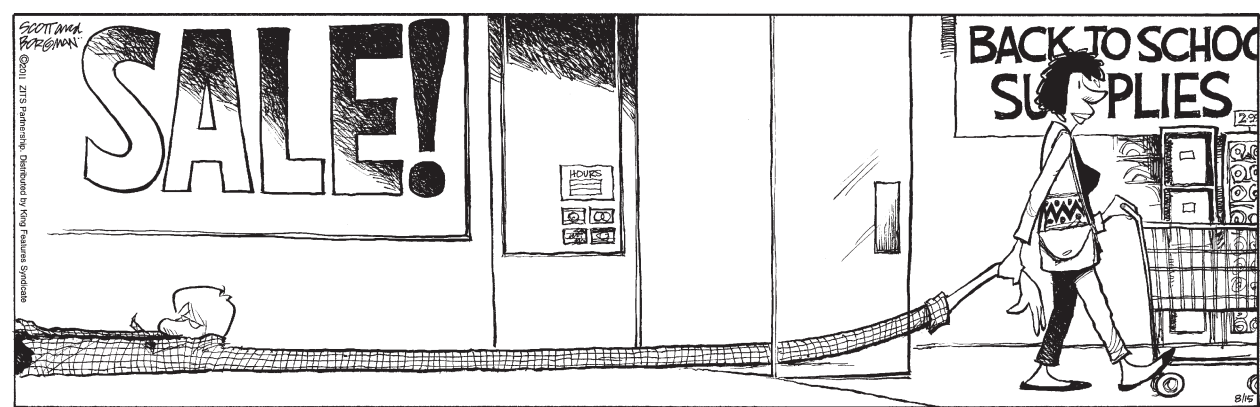
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

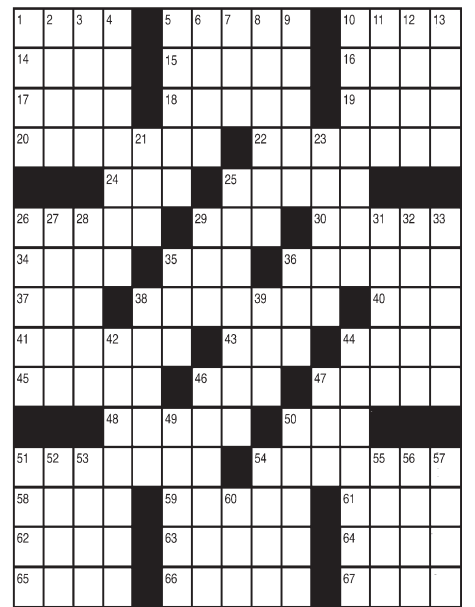
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ACROSS

- Indian woman's robe
- Overly zealous
- Shadowbox
- Correct text
- Lower; degrade
- Book leaf
- At any __; nevertheless
- __-fire; order to stop shooting
- Stratford-__-Avon; home of Shakespeare
- Came forth
- Took __; felt insulted
- Melody
- Romero or Chavez
- F. __ Fitzgerald
- __ Vegas
- Goes first
- Scoop holder
- Sixty secs.
- T-shirt size
- Highest spade
- Locals from way back
- Billy __ Williams
- Drunk
- Just purchased
- Satan's realm
- Valleys
- Calico or collie
- In the __ of; surrounded by
- Book of maps
- Apprehend
- iPhone accessory
- Colorful bird of the tropics
- High point
- __ on; irritates
- Sheltered bay
- Part of the leg
- New Delhi, __
- Falling ice bits
- Garden tools
- Backless seat
- In a lazy way

DOWN

- Withered; dry
- Father of Cain



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Today in History:

Monday, August 15
The Associated Press

Today is Monday, August 15, the 227th day of 2011. There are 138 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1057 - Macbeth is killed in battle by Malcolm, son of late king Duncan, near Aberdeen, Scotland. In 1047, Macbeth killed Duncan to grab the Scottish throne. The fight for the crown continued for generations.

1498 - Grenada is sighted by Christopher Columbus. He sails past the island without landing and gives it the name Concepcion.

1658 - Sweden's King Charles X begins second war with Denmark and lays siege to Copenhagen.

1834 - South Australia Act is passed by Britain's Parliament, allowing for establishment of colony there.

1865 - Sir Joseph Lister, a British surgeon, discovers the antiseptic process and reduces postoperative patient mortality to less than 15 percent in one year.

1914 - The Panama Canal is officially opened.

1920 - Polish Marshal Jozef Pilsudski crushes Soviet troops in the Battle of Warsaw, blocking their march on western Europe.

1945 - Korea is liberated from 35 years of colonial rule with Japan's defeat in World War II. The peninsula is divided into the communist North and capitalist South.

1947 - After 200 years, India becomes independent from British rule with Jawaharlal Nehru as prime minister. Pakistan, a new country is carved out of India.

1950 - A magnitude 8.4 earthquake kills 200 people and destroys 30,000 square miles (76,800 square kilometers) of land in Assam,

northeast India.

1955 - Indian independence day is marked with an invasion of Portuguese Goa where 5,000 Indians, advocates of passive resistance, walk into the fire of Portuguese police. Thirteen Indians are killed and 100 injured.

1962 - The Netherlands and Indonesia settle West New Guinea dispute.



Today is Ben Affleck's birthday

Today's Birthdays:

Napoleon Bonaparte, French emperor (1769-1821); Sir Walter Scott, Scottish novelist-poet (1771-1832); Ethel Barrymore, U.S. actress (1879-1959); T(homas) E(dward) Lawrence (of Arabia), British soldier and author (1888-1935); Julia Child, American TV chef and author (1912-2004); Oscar Peterson, Canadian jazz pianist (1925-2007); Linda Ellerbee, U.S. author/journalist (1944-); England's Princess Anne (1950-); Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Mexico-born film director (1963-); Debra Messing, actress (1968-); Ben Affleck, actor (1972-).

Thought For Today:

We must not read either law or history backward — Helen M. Cam, English historian and educator (1885-1968). □

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Steinem was 'the' activist

JOCELYN NOVECK

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NEW YORK (AP) — "It's shocking, I know," says Gloria Steinem, allowing herself a wry grin.

And for once, the author, activist and feminist icon isn't talking about a case of gender inequity at home or a human rights violation across the globe. This time, she's talking about her age.

Steinem is 77, and most people are even more shocked than she is. Not only because she looks fiftyish, but because she is, in the minds of many, frozen in the 1970s — a tall, slim, striking woman with long streaked hair (it's still streaked, but shorter now) and those big aviator glasses.

But four decades have indeed passed since Steinem helped launched the women's movement. And this summer finds her in a reflective mode: working on a book about her years on the road — a combination of essays and memoir — and promoting a new documentary celebrating her life. "Gloria: In Her Own Words" premieres Monday on HBO.

Nestled on a couch in her comfortable Manhattan apartment one recent afternoon, Steinem acknowledges that often such tributes come at the end of one's life and career — and she has no intention of either ending anytime soon.

But, she says, maybe this isn't such a bad time to look back a little.

"My hope is, this film will make people think: It's been 30 or 40 years.

Where do we want to be 40 years from now?" Besides, she adds: "I want people to realize that if a very imperfect person did this, maybe they can, too!" That self-effacing tone runs through much of what Steinem says — she likes to stress, for example, that if she had never come along, the same progress for women would have been achieved anyway. □

Reality show ricochets through Brighton Beach

MELENA RYZIK

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NEW YORK — Russians are a gossipy bunch. In Soviet times, the conspiratorial kitchen whisper — over a glass of tea or a bottle of vodka — was sometimes the only way to share information.

Even now Chekhovian monologues, complete with meaningful sighs, spill forth in the confines of the sauna; "Have you heard?" is the greeting over a cigarette.

So on Friday, the day after the premiere of "Russian Dolls," the reality series chronicling the lifestyles of the rich and immigrated in Brighton Beach, nobody in that seaside Brooklyn neighborhood was keeping mum.

"Everybody's talking, and they will continue talking," said Alla Brenner, who was minding the register at Little Italy, a boutique on Brighton Beach Avenue that, she said, counts one of the show's stars as a customer. "Conspicuous behavior always causes talk," Brenner continued in Russian. "And these are our own."

Starting with callers to the morning program on a local Russian radio station, "Russian Dolls" — universally known by its name in Russian despite being shown, in English, on Lifetime — was the talk of the neighborhood. Opinions were not dependent on having actually seen the show.

"Is that on NTV?" asked a retiree who gave his name as Aleksander, referring to the Russian-language cable channel, as he sat with several other shirtless pensioners in Brighton Playground, by the water. They had whiled away the afternoon playing a Russian card game whose name can be translated as "Stupid" ("The police love that," Aleksander said gleefully, imitating them in Russian. "'What are you playing here?' 'Stupid!'") and discussed the merits of the show.

"It's about girls," Aleksander said.

His friends gathered around.

But he waved them off.

"Girls like to go out — what's there to see?" he said. "Show beeezness!" he added authoritatively. "Now maybe they have to look for rich husbands. Then they won't have to do show beeezness."

In wraparound shades and black jeans, Vasily Burakov was on the boardwalk soliciting customers outside the Tatiana Grill (the one

quieter husband, Michael, star.

In the first episode, Levitis boiled over when her mother-in-law, Eva, entered a pageant for Brighton grandmas, winning for her talent, belly dancing.

Meanwhile, on the show, Diana, a 23-year-old blue-eyed blonde, was briefly anguished over whether she should break up with

television

"The Russian community look like idiots; why don't they show doctors, lawyers, the Russian intelligentsia?" asked Lena, an elegant blonde in a low-cut black top and white pants, as she smoked a cigarette the size of two toothpicks outside Tatiana (green awning). The show only entrenched American stereotypes of



Alla Shirakova, left, and her friend Anastasia Minkina, a recent arrival from Russia, in Brighton Beach, New York, Aug. 12, 2011. "Russian Dolls," a Russian-American reality series chronicling the life styles of the rich and immigrated in Brighton Beach, is the talk of its home turf.

(Eric Michael Johnson/The New York Times)



Vasily Burakov on the boardwalk in Brighton Beach, New York, Aug. 12, 2011.

(Eric Michael Johnson/The New York Times)

with the blue awning, not to be confused with the Tatiana Restaurant with the green-awning next door). He had brushed up against "Russian Dolls" in Rasputin, the nearby restaurant and nightclub that serves as a hub for the neighborhood and the show.

Casting was held there, and the owners, Marina Levitis and her so-far-much-

her boyfriend, Paul, who is not Russian but owned a Maserati. (That wasn't enough; he got the boot.) Burakov, 24, said he had no plans to watch the show.

"It's a lot more interesting to hang out with those girls in person," he said, grinning.

But many Russians were disappointed by the way their countrymen appeared on

hard-partying Russians, she said.

Like many people interviewed, all in Russian, Lena, who said she was a nurse in New Jersey, declined to give her full name.

"I'm a Soviet person," she said. "It's either the name or the truth."

She had other reasons to keep quiet: She knows several of the people on the series.

"It's a small community," she said, quickly adding that she felt the show would be a boon to its stars, and that she bore them no ill will. "We made these stereotypes, and then we get upset that people see them?" she said, shrugging. Mikhail, 72, a retired car-service driver who made sure to note that he put his son through medical school, pointed out that the depictions in "Russian Dolls" were no different than portrayals of Americans on reality television. □

Brazilian catwalk star Cristina Jurach speaks

Interviewed from the outside:

-Where are you from?

I was born in Curitiba in Paraná state in the south of Brazil. It's a big city and is one of the best to live in, in Brazil. Everything is green.

-What were your career aspirations?

I'd thought about being an actress when I was younger. Or maybe a dancer or singer.

But I don't have a very good voice. My friends used to joke "Oh, you like singing? Really?"

ion weeks, so I didn't work much at that time.

My first foreign experience was in Paris and I had fittings for Kenzo and did lots of shows, great jobs, which I really enjoyed, and it really helped me to get work in New York.

I worked for one agency in New York for three years. Everything happens there, and I did lots of shoots for some great magazines.

-Tell me about Buenos Aires Fashion Week.

I'll be appearing for Marcelo Senra and Garza Lobos



A model wears a Varanasi creation from the Spring/Summer 2011-2012 collection during the Buenos Aires Fashion Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)

But I also loved architecture and had started to do drawings and plans of houses. But when I started modelling, my life changed dramatically so I couldn't carry on doing that.

-When did your career begin? I started modelling in 2005 when I was 16 as I went to a casting for a big agency in Sao Paulo. I started working there but as I am skinny, Brazilians don't like that look very much apart from for fashion

weeks, so I didn't work much at that time. I know they are important designers in Argentina and it will be a lovely experience for me as this is my first time here.

-Do you feel like a tourist even though you are working in BA?

When I arrive in a new place, I want to get to know it, even though I feel like a tourist and I am working. When I went to Greece, I was a complete tourist taking photos of everything. □



An undated handout photo of Anna Christy, left, Daniel Okulitch, and the chorus in Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Last Savage" at Santa Fe Opera. Menotti's "The Last Savage," which fizzled in 1964, is back, in Santa Fe, N.M., in a season including Berg's "Wozzeck."

(Ken Howard via The New York Times)

Love beats science in a spoof by Menotti

ANTHONY TOMMASINI

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SANTA FE, N.M. — When Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Last Savage" had its American premiere at the Metropolitan Opera in early 1964, after its introduction at the Opera Comique in Paris, its poor reception was explained by defenders as a case of bad timing. Just two months after the assassination of John F. Kennedy and with the civil-rights movement spawning both courageous demonstrations and brutal crackdowns, audiences were not disposed, it was thought, to an absurd comedy about the perky daughter of an American millionaire who, as a project for an anthropology degree, is determined to find a primitive man, the "last savage," and take him to America for studies.

The Met production featured a starry cast, including George London, Roberta Peters, Nicolai Gedda and Teresa Stratas, with Thomas Schippers conducting. Though the opening night Met audience cheered, "The Last Savage" soon fizzled and has never caught on. The Santa Fe Opera has

gambled that in this year of Menotti's centennial the time has come for a fresh look at "The Last Savage." A colorful, antic-filled and shamelessly campy production, directed by Ned Canty, opened here last month. On Thursday night the audience laughed and cheered Menotti's inane entertainment.

I was glad for the chance to see this curious rarity. The gifted cast, headed by the appealing bass-baritone Daniel Okulitch, best known to New Yorkers for his brooding, sexy Don Giovanni with the New York City Opera in 2009, was uninhibitedly exuberant. George Manahan led a vibrant account of Menotti's score, which has moments of real invention amid much lightweight filler. Still, I'm not sure there will ever be a right time for this silly opera. Talk about contrasts! On Friday night I attended Berg's "Wozzeck," a revival of the Santa Fe Opera's haunting, spare 2001 production by the director Daniel Slater. In his company debut the conductor David Robertson drew a searingly beautiful performance from the in-

spired orchestra and impressive cast.

The story of "The Last Savage," with a libretto by Menotti, is chock full of comical complications. Scattergood, the American millionaire, is trying to arrange a marriage between his daughter, Kitty, the would-be anthropologist, and Kodanda, the son of the maharajah of Rajaputana. The union also promises to be a mutually beneficial business deal. But Kodanda prefers Indian women and is sweet on a servant, Sardula, who is dating Abdul (Okulitch), a decent and handsome country man who shuns city life. Kitty says that she must complete her research and find her primitive before she will even think of marriage. So the two fathers concoct a plan to hire someone to portray a savage and let Kitty capture him. Sardula suggests Abdul, who is reluctant, but agrees under Sardula's pressure. For going along, Abdul will earn \$100,000, a fortune.

Once Kitty discovers Abdul in the jungle, she takes him to her hometown, Chicago, to tame him and show him off. □

Boycott campaign donations!



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Howard Schultz, chairman and chief executive of Starbucks, has always been the kind of boss who wears his heart on his sleeve. So it came as no surprise to Starbucks employees when, on Monday, he sent out a long, passionate, companywide email titled "Leading Through Uncertain Times."

In it, he wrote about his frustration over "the lack of cooperation and irresponsibility among elected officials as they have put partisan agendas before the people's agenda" – creating an enormous crisis of confidence in the process. He said Starbucks had a responsibility "to act in ways that can ease the collective anxiety inside and outside the company." It needed to continue creating jobs. It had to maintain its generous package of employee benefits. And it was critical, Schultz wrote, for employees "to earn our customers' trust by being respectful of their own life situations – whatever it may be."

No, the surprise wasn't the email; it was what happened next. Although he has made his share of campaign contributions – "to candidates in both parties," he told me Friday – Schultz is hardly a political activist. Yet the response to his email – not only from within the company but among a group of some 50 business leaders he shared it with – was so overwhelming that it galvanized him.

Even before sending out the email, an idea had begun forming in his mind about how to force the country's dysfunctional politicians to stop putting party over country and act like the leaders they are supposed to be. By Friday morning, when we spoke, Schultz was not only ready to unveil his idea, but to spearhead a movement, if that's what it took.

In effect, Schultz thinks the country should go on strike against its politicians. "The fundamental problem," he said, "is that the lens through which Congress approaches issues is re-election. The lifeblood of their re-election campaigns is political contributions." Schultz wants his countrymen – big donors and small; corporations and unions – to stop making political contributions in presidential and congressional campaigns. Simple as that. Economists like to talk about how incentives change behavior. Schultz is proposing that Americans give Washing-

ton an incentive to begin acting responsibly on their behalf. It's a beautiful idea.

To Schultz, the debt-ceiling crisis – so destructive to the country, yet entirely manufactured for political gain – was merely the final straw. "The debt crisis is really the symbol of a larger problem, which is that our leaders are not leading," he said. The real crisis, he believes, is a crisis of leadership, both in the White House and in Congress, which is draining confidence in America. "America's leaders need to put their feet in the shoes of working Americans," he said. "Instead, all they think about is their own political self-interest."

Schultz began doing some research. In 2000, he said, total campaign contributions, to all politicians, amounted to \$3 billion. Four years later, it was \$4 billion. In the 2008 election year, he said, "it went up another billion, to \$5 billion. I was astonished." He soon began to connect those numbers to a question he'd been asking himself: "What is it going to take for Washington to listen to us?" The answer now seemed obvious: money. "It is a sad state of affairs that the only thing they'll listen to is money," he acknowledged. But if that is what it takes, so be it.

The contribution boycott, as Schultz envisions it, would be completely bipartisan; indeed, it would have to be for it to work. Schultz isn't calling on Washington to come up with solutions that are aligned with his political leanings (which are Democratic). Rather, he wants solutions, agreed to by both parties, that will help get the country back on its feet.

He believes Congress needs to come back from the August recess now, instead of waiting until September. Then, he says, the president and Congress should hammer out a debt deal, which will restore confidence. And finally, and most importantly, they should start focusing "maniacally" on the nation's most pressing concern: job creation. Once they've done that, the boycott would be lifted.

What I particularly like about Schultz's idea is that it is not just another plea for compromise and civility, which does nothing to affect political behavior. It is hardheaded and practical, the kind of idea you would expect from a good businessman. Although it would require contributors from both the left and right to join arms, it seems to me that there are enough people in both parties who are fed up enough to give this a try. He's already lined up one organization, Democracy 21, to support the idea; he's searching for more.

Is Schultz's idea a long shot? Yes. Is it worth trying? You bet it is.

I made a math error in my column a few weeks ago about the Federal Reserve's settlement with Wells Fargo over mortgage fraud. I calculated the maximum amount Wells Fargo would spend compensating defrauded borrowers at \$20 million. It's actually \$200 million. □



Adrift in Iowa:

Tired rituals in tough times

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AMES, Iowa – Was it a debate or a horticultural seminar? The eight Republicans who gathered on a stage in this fecund state last week spoke of the federal government as if it were some monstrous plant, each of them essentially promising to come at it with shears sharper than any rival would wield. Their mantra was cut, cut, cut.

Tim Pawlenty made it clear that homeowners might have a new, inexpensive gardener at their disposal. If they could find a crop of specific entitlement-reform plans anywhere in Obamaland, he said, "I'll come to your house and mow your lawn."

It was a cute bit. Problem was, I'd heard it before, two days earlier, when he appeared briefly at a coffee shop in the town of Sully, his campaign Winnebago zooming in, his campaign Winnebago zooming out. Then again, I'd already heard most of what Michele Bachmann and Mitt Romney said at the debate, too. The moderator, Bret Baier, had implored everyone "to put aside the talking points" and "polished lines," but that was like asking aardvarks to go easy on the ants. A species can't be denied its subsistence diet.

In advance of Saturday's straw poll here, Republican presidential hopefuls descended on Iowa, traveled its breadth, paid homage to the butter cow at the state fair and provided the most concentrated glimpse of campaign 2012 to date.

It was an intensely dispiriting spectacle, because it was an entirely familiar one: the same old same old at a moment of extraordinary global uncertainty and profound national anxiety. Americans are more frightened and pessimistic – and Washington is more dysfunctional – than they've been in a very long time. But the script in Iowa was unchanged.

Photo op followed photo op. Prefabricated one-liners abounded. Strenuously, speciously folksy riffs and poses prevailed. And candidates vying for the opportunity to lead a diverse nation nonetheless played a tired game of Excite the Right, dwelling on their opposition to gay marriage and trumpeting their anti-abortion credentials. Those aren't and can't be the issues this time around. Not with the European debt crisis threatening to become a worldwide contagion, London burning, the Arab world convulsing, the Dow jackhammering and America's crisis of joblessness grinding on and on. Not now.

It's time for nobler, smarter, more substantive politics. It's past time, actually. But that's not what Iowa presented.

In Sully, where only about a dozen voters turned out to see him, Pawlenty reached so far for attention-getting metaphors that he landed in a smelly field. Deriding President Barack Obama as someone too quick to dispense blame, he likened him to "a manure spreader in a windstorm." Just hearing the phrase, I wanted to take cover – and a shower.

I didn't make it to Rick Santorum's appearance the previous day at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Iowa Falls, but I wish I had, because it was there that he equated gay marriage with both incest and a square, moderately absorbent crumb remover.

I'll explain. Santorum was saying that when you speak of two men or two women as married, you indulge in a fiction. An impossibility. "This is a napkin," he announced in an angry voice, abruptly ripping one from a dispenser and holding it high. "I can call this napkin a paper towel. But it is a napkin. Why? Because it is what it is." So while someone might assert that "marriage could be between fathers and daughters,"

he added, "It doesn't make it marriage." Agreed. It makes it a crime, and to mention that in the same breath as same-sex couples is nothing short of appalling.

Romney went to the state fair on Thursday and donned a red apron to grill pork, because grilling pork is of course a vital part of being commander in chief. He also made remarks from a makeshift stage with bales of hay in the foreground. Bales of hay seem to emerge out of nowhere and creep into the camera frame whenever politicians touch down in farm states, where those politicians tend to talk like they're on "Hee Haw." Over several days I heard Romney say "sure as heck," "fella" and "darn well." I half expected him to take a pitchfork to that hay.

Rick Perry wasn't around, but that didn't preclude a constant discussion of him, my favorite bit of which was a CNN segment in which it was revealed that his father-in-law had performed his vasectomy. I'm not sure where on the spectrum of family values that falls or why voters need to know it.

If politicians exhibited some silliness in Iowa, so did reporters. Like hounds heeding a whistle, they swarmed to Sarah Palin when she dropped by the state fair on Friday, again rewarding her coyness about the presidential race with extra-rapt attention. She dithers; we drool.

She was asked if the president was to blame for the nation's credit downgrading, and said yes. "Because from the top, leadership starts from the top, the leadership of our country," she said, syntactical as ever. She was also asked if she was looking for votes. "I'm looking for fried butter on a stick and a fried Twinkie as soon as I can get there," she said. She deserves as much. And we deserve something much, much better. □

Review:

Affable country odes to irresponsibility

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

For about 15 minutes at the New Meadowlands Stadium here on Saturday night the Kenny Chesney

the crowd. Following that came “There Goes My Life,” from the same album and one of the high points of Chesney’s career, a song about fear of aging that ends up eschewing regret

impersonations were de rigueur. They’re not, of course. Chesney has become a success not for these contemplative moments but rather based on his

Chesney watercolor, which got the soused and enthusiastic crowd rollicking and shouting and doffing shirts. (Some men, anyway.) Just after those three was “Living in Fast Forward,” an aimless arena-lite rock number that was complemented by video footage of NASCAR crashes on a screen behind Chesney.

It’s these other sorts of songs — the dozens Chesney has made hits in the last decade, and the ones that otherwise filled this show — that allowed him to play a space the size of New Meadowlands Stadium, making for the biggest country show in the area in years. He has turned

arms extended, hands on knees — he glowed with the ecstasy of hard work.

Chesney’s heavy revving doesn’t compensate for his voice’s fundamental neutrality, though. Apart from his midshow soul interlude he mostly let the guitars and fiddle in his band do the work, creating big, friendly structures: the goofy “She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy,” on which he was joined by the opener Billy Currington, or the odes to irresponsibility “Beer in Mexico” and “Out Last Night.” Chesney was better when less was asked of his voice, as on the unexpected barking cover of the Violent Femmes’ “Blister



Kenny Chesney performs for his Goin’ Coastal Tour at the New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The concert opened with performances by The Zac Brown Band, Billy Currington and Uncle Kracker.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

who could be paid a visit to the Kenny Chesney who is. First came a moody approach to his hit “Anything but Mine” — from his quadruple-platinum 2004 album “When the Sun Goes Down” — a languid song about fleeting summer love that had the grit of dark soul music, replete with choked singing by Chesney and hushed sing-alongs from

for embrace. Chesney sang it backed only by piano, practically silencing the tens-of-thousands-strong crowd. Finally came “You and Tequila,” the highlight of last year’s “Hemingway’s Whiskey,” the darkest album of Chesney’s career, not that that’s hard work. He sang it unaccompanied, just him and his acoustic guitar, as if James Taylor

belief that there’s no problem that can’t be solved with a pair of flip-flops, a catamaran and a willingness to bury your problems — and possibly your head — in the sand. “If you watch enough TV, you know the world’s got problems,” Chesney said, just before those three songs, when he played “No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems,” an archetypal



Fans cheer before Kenny Chesney takes the stage for his Goin’ Coastal Tour at the New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

country into a lean and pulsing frat party on the beach. Sweating through his sleeveless T-shirt, with a weathered cowboy hat keeping the misting rain at bay, Chesney motored through his 2 1/2 hour set. He was still as peppy at the end, when no one onstage was safe from getting a huge running hug from him, as in the beginning, when he sailed over the crowd in a suspended chair while singing “Live a Little.” No country star is more physical than Chesney, who is small and sinewy and has no problem making a large space feel small by running all around it. He shook water bottles over himself and his band members. Even when he paused for breath — hunched over,

in the Sun” (performed with the songwriter Mark Tamburino), or when rapping with Uncle Kracker, another opener, on Kid Rock’s “Cowboy.” During the encore Chesney performed a mini-set with the Zac Brown Band, his main opening act, covering songs by Alabama, Steve Miller, Bob Marley and Tom Petty. They were joined onstage at the end by Rex Ryan, the coach of the New York Jets; Nick Swisher of the New York Yankees; and dozens of others. The Yankees had defeated the Tampa Bay Rays by 9-2 earlier in the day, and the Jets were relieved to have the NFL lockout over. None of them appeared to be concerned about a thing. □



Kenny Chesney goes all out on his performance at the New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

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